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Inside Mediterranean style coffee shop planned for Fairmount Ave. [A11]

Reactions Mixed on Lee vote

By Melissa Moy

STAFF WRITER
OAKLAND — An Oakland woman's lone dissent at a resolution supporting President Bush's use of military force against international terrorism received mixed reactions in her community.

The woman, Barbara D-Oakland, was the only one to vote against the resolution during the Sept. 11 memorial service at the U.S. Capitol.

Barbara D-Oakland, a U.S. Rep. from California, said she voted against the resolution because she believed it would bring home the point that the U.S. will not tolerate terrorism against its citizens. She explained her vote during a one-minute speech on the House floor Friday.

Her deepest fears now haunt her, she said. "Yet I am convinced that military action will prevent further acts of international terrorism against the United States."

She said retaliatory acts could be used by the United States to "become the evil that we deplore."

The 420-1 vote reinforces her commitment to nonviolence. She has often been a voice and vote on the House floor.

In 1988, Lee cast one of only two votes against renewed bombing over its refusal to allow inspections by the United Nations.

In 1989, she cast the sole dissenting vote against the Clinton administration's plans to bomb Iraq over the conflict in the Gulf.

Lee's Oakland and San Francisco offices Sunday were full, and both were closed.

Some residents of Lee's district, which includes Albany, Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda, said Sunday that they support her call for nonviolence, but that some force is needed to demonstrate that this country will not allow itself to be intimidated by terrorists.

There needs to be a forceful message that we won't tolerate terrorism, said Cindy Jones of Oakland.

Jones said the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon reminded her of the 1989 earthquake that devastated the area.

The totally vulnerable and defenseless people of the world, I've been much more comfortable being an American, she said.

She said she appreciated Lee's vote because "she did the right thing, in my opinion."

Lee's being prudent," she said. "Violence is not the answer."

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has taken many forms. On last Friday's Day of Remembrance over 250 students at the middle school campus of Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito joined staff and parents in sharing a moment of silence in memory of victims, reading poems, singing together and placing tributes on the 'Wall of Remembrance and Hope.'

Residents pitch in with relief donations

By Matt Petersen

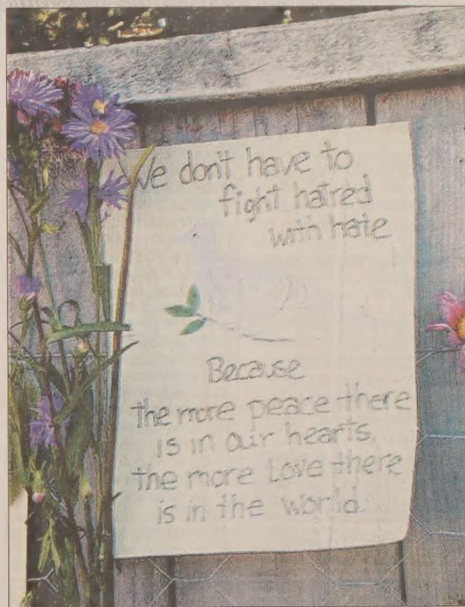
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — From firefighters to the corner deli, the community has responded with an outpouring of donations in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks 3,000 miles away.

Making a considerable contribution were Young and Jenny Kim, owners of Eunice's Gourmet Deli, who raised nearly \$3,000 last Monday by handing out sandwiches to the public in trade for a donation to the American Red Cross.

The total was 100 percent of the day's income, according to

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Democratic club backs 2 for council

■ **Incumbent Gina Brusatori**, stranded by last week's air travel halt, missed the meeting and did not receive enough votes for an endorsement

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The day after the terrorist attacks last week, the democratic process continued here in the city. The El Cerrito Democratic Club held its candidate night for City Council hopefuls as scheduled Wednesday evening, Sept. 12, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church.

To open the forum ECDC president Joe Franaszek quoted Abraham Lincoln about the importance of continuing elections during wartime and a minute of silence was observed to honor the victims. "We honor these victims of terrorism by affirming our democratic traditions," Franaszek said, quoting Dwight Merrill, the club's corresponding secretary. "This meeting tonight is part of the essence of our democracy, our liberty, our freedom."

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, who is running for reelection, was stranded in Chicago because of the nation-wide flight cancellations and was unable to attend. The other three candidates, incumbent Mark Friedman, Planning Commissioner Letitia Moore and Economic Development Board member Tony Wise answered written questions from the club and from the approximately 50 people attending the meeting.

At the end of the evening Friedman and Moore were endorsed by the club. Wise, not a registered Democrat, was ineligible for ECDC endorsement. There was some controversy about holding the meeting and endorsing candidates with Brusatori unable to attend. Franaszek said later that club rules are specific about when a meeting can be canceled and that a majority of the club's executive board voted to hold the meeting as scheduled.

"On the election materials that we will produce for the candidates, basically we're not going to emphasize endorsement or non-endorsement at all," as a compromise, Franaszek said this week. He said the ECDC materials will be produced for all three Democratic candidates, Brusatori, Friedman and Moore.

During his opening comments and several times during the evening Wise, a local business owner, emphasized economic development. "My platform and reason for running for City Council is I want El Cerrito to have a strong economic development base," Wise said. "I want to be able to develop El Cerrito and bring the revenue in to keep the city's quality of life as wonderful as it has been for me growing up and living here."

Wise cited the city parks and infrastructure and noted that money is needed to keep such things in good repair. "If I speak about those issues first, it's putting the cart before the horse," he said, pointing out that money is needed. "We can talk about the parks and keeping them up, and the streets and all of the other

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Arson suspected in fire on church grounds

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — An apparent arson fire at the Christ Lutheran Church at 780 Ashbury Ave. caused minor damage Wednesday afternoon. A 20-foot swath of juniper plants on the west end of the church parking lot was destroyed by the blaze. No one was hurt and no vehicles or structures were damaged in the incident.

Neighbors say another such fire occurred nearby at Hotchkiss and Ashbury just north of El Cerrito High School a few months ago, but this could not be confirmed by press time.

"There were a couple of witnesses who said they saw three juveniles doing something in the bushes — it looked like they were starting the fire," said El Cerrito Fire Department engineer Rob Bunting, acting captain last

Wednesday. Bunting could not confirm neighbors' reports of a previous fire in the area. He said nobody was detained or arrested at the scene of the fire, but that people matching descriptions of the suspects may have been spotted near Portola Middle School.

As of Wednesday evening details about the fire remain sketchy and a call to the ECPD watch commander was not returned by press time.

Arin Aasness, parish assistant at Christ Lutheran, said he and other church staff were at lunch when the fire started. He said witnesses called the fire department from the 7-Eleven Store across the street. A neighbor who did not want his name in the paper said he saw the fire and sprayed the junipers with water from his garden hose before firefighters arrived.

Furniture store's closing leaves fate of old cinema murals in doubt

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — After 62 years of showcasing the merits of love and end tables, Harry Kiefer is hanging it up for what-ifs ahead in retirement.

Kiefer's furniture store on

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San Pablo Avenue, opened by Harry Kiefer's father in 1939, has been bought by a new owner who plans to turn it into a row of upscale shops.

Kiefer said this was a good time to retire, because business hasn't been that good in recent years.

The store, which is really a row of stores bought at different times and strung together, is having a closing sale until everything's gone.

Everything, that is, but dust and the 1930s art deco movie house hidden within the row of buildings and serving as Kiefer's warehouse.

Built in 1937, the Cerrito Theater, as it was named, served

up Betty Grable, Cary Grant, Jimmy Stewart and plenty of popcorn until around 1966, shortly before it was bought by the Kiefers.

Now stacked with furniture odds and ends waiting to be sold, the building still looks like a theater, with a Quonset hut-style arched roof, mini-stage and screen area, and slanted floor for better viewing from the rear.

Most striking, however, are the wall frescoes: beautiful murals in traditional, elegant art deco style.

There's Zeus, riding a chariot pulled by goats, lightning bolts flashing from his fingers,

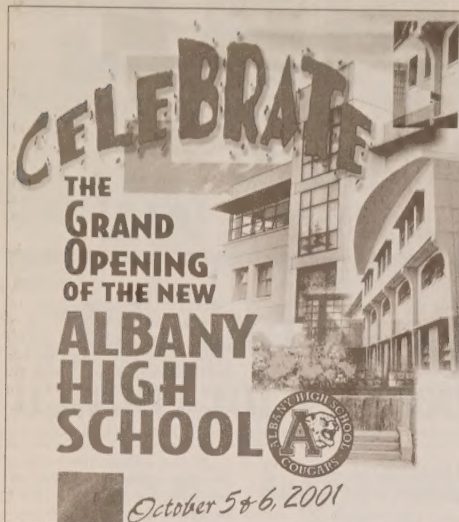
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DAVID KIEFER stands in the lobby of the old movie theater built in 1937 that is currently the warehouse of Kiefer's Furniture in El Cerrito. Kiefer is retiring and has sold the property.

GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

INFORMATION FOR LIFE



October 5 & 6, 2001

COURTESY ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

THE NEW Albany High School is complete and the community is invited to the Grand Opening Celebration, a two-day event on Oct. 5 and 6. Special events will include: homecoming festivities, ribbon-cutting, tours, food, dancing and AHS memorabilia. On Friday, Oct. 5, the AHS homecoming parade will assemble on Thousand Oaks at 2 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the Cougars take on Castlemont in the annual homecoming game. On Saturday, Oct. 6, festivities begin the festivities at 11 a.m. with the ribbon cutting in front of the main entrance of the high school (603 Key Route Blvd.) at 11 a.m. The celebration continues from noon-3:30 p.m. with tours of the new school, live music, AHS memorabilia and food, booths and activities. The festivities run into the night with a community dance from 7-10 p.m.

Republicans meet

The Kensington Area Republican Women hold their luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Social hour begins at noon and lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is \$12 per person. The speaker will be Charles Hughes who will discuss politics and the stock market. Hughes, a retired stock counselor, has been a candidate for Congress, running against George Miller in 1994. For reservations call W. Mae Ritz at 510-234-0125 by Saturday, Sept. 22.

Latino Heritage event

Latino Heritage Month celebration, originally scheduled for last weekend, was moved to this Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m. because of the events of last week. The event location has been moved to San Pablo's Maple Hall (in San Pablo Civic Center—corner of San Pablo Avenue and Church Lane) and will feature performances, cultural displays, food, and fun. Details: 510-236-3255 or www.CaCCandC.com.

Library book sale

Choose from thousands of quality books for readers of all ages, along with lots of CDs, videos, books-on-tape and music recordings, at the

Friends of the El Cerrito Library's annual book sale behind the library at 6510 Stockton Ave. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. On Sunday, all items will be sold at half price. Selection includes fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's books, history, sports, philosophy, business, travel, art and science.

Oyster populations

Learn how to monitor oyster populations on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the mouth of Strawberry Creek in Berkeley (meeting location to be announced). Participants will learn water-quality monitoring techniques and how to install shell necklaces to attract oyster larvae. Volunteers are needed to monitor selected sites on a monthly basis at the mouths of San Pablo, Strawberry, and Baxter creeks. Details: 510-231-5704 or shannah@aoi.net.

Magical comedy

Come to the Kensington Library for an evening of magical comedy on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. "Hotel" will put on a magic show and a standup comedy routine for children (and adults) of all ages. The program will be held in the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. This program is

sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Details: 510-524-3043.

Waterkeepers and the Bay

Jonathan Kaplan, Program Director for Waterkeepers (also known as Bay-Keepers) Northern California, will speak on the group's on-the-water citizen patrols and watchdog oversight of agencies that should enforce clean water laws, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, at the Friends of Five Creeks' monthly meeting, downstairs at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. All are welcome. Details: 510-848-9358, f5creeks@aol.com, or www.fivecreeks.org.

Dance for kids

Boys and girls can learn a variety of routines choreographed to funk, jazz, hip-hop, and house music for grades four-8 on Wednesday and Fridays 3:30-4:45 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. Albany. Classes are \$30 month. Details: 510-525-1130 for more info.

'Stories Seldom Told'

"Stories Seldom Told," a feminist retelling of some familiar and not so familiar Biblical stories, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Tickets are \$10 for youth and adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. Walk-ups are \$5 more. All seats are general admission. Profits benefit the Youth Ministry Programs of the Arlington Community Church.

College Recruit Fair

The third annual College and University Recruitment Fair will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richmond High School, 1250 23rd St. in Richmond. Local and many out of state colleges will be represented. High school students with a 2.0 GPA and higher may be able to receive: on-the-spot admission, scholarships, and financial aid assistance. Make face to face contact with official college representatives and gain exposure to 44 public and private colleges. Seniors especially urged to attend with a copy of their transcript in hand.

Socratic discussions

Does your brain need a work out? All ages are welcome when Cafe Eclectic, 1309 Solano Ave., presents Socratic Circle Discussions on Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. Details: 510-527-2344.

Next at CCCT

"Lend Me A Tenor," Ken Ludwig's popular farce mixing mayhem with two Otello at the opening of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company in 1934, will be performed 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 12-Nov. 17, 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 21 and 28 at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Admission to the production, directed by Jonathan Bender, is \$8-\$12. Details: 510-524-9132. www.ccct.org

McCrady's and Prepaid Legal Services Inc. to the neighborhood. They can be reached by telephone at 510-433-0123.

Albany High School grand opening

The Albany High grand opening ceremony will be held on Oct. 6 at the new high school. If any of you have memorabilia that you would like to loan, please call Jewel Okawachi at 510-527-5583. She said that there will be a band of Albany Soroptimists who will guard your treasures and make sure they are returned to you.

POLICE REPORTS

Bar robbed by guntoting

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 officers arrested a 36-year-old Antioch man for sexually assaulting a woman at a business on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. The subject was identified and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

At about 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 officers responded to a bar on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue on reports of a robbery that had taken place. The thieves were described as three male juveniles and one had a silver colored gun in his possession. The group was last seen departing on foot going west towards Adams Street. They were gone when officers arrived.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 officers stopped a gray '76 Chevrolet pickup near San Pablo and Washington avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 30-year-old Berkeley man was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance. He failed a drug test and was arrested for possession of drugs and DUI. He was transported to the Alameda County Marshall's office. Drugs were found in his car during a search and it was towed.

On the night of Sept. 11 officers responded to the area of Spokane and Brighton avenues on reports of a man who had fallen down on the sidewalk. Officers arrested the 51-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 12 officers stopped a red '99 Chevrolet on Buchanan Street for erratic driving. The driver, a 25-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested for DUI. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the evening of Sept. 12 an Alameda man reported that his champagne-colored '89 Ford was vandalized while parked behind a restaurant on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 officers responded to the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue on reports of a suspicious subject who was possibly exploiting the elderly woman who also lived at the residence. Officers contacted and arrested a 44-year-old Pleasanton man when a check revealed he had outstanding warrants from Albany in the amount of \$500. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley Marshall's office.

At about noon on Sept. 13 officers responded to Oceanview/MacGregor School on reports of two students being detained because they were fighting. One of the two, a 15-year-old Berkeley boy, was arrested for battery on another student. He was released to his mother with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of Sept. 13 a resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported that thieves had stolen her blue '93 Chevrolet Caprice while it was parked in the apartment garage.

On the morning of Sept. 13 a business owner on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into his business and stole items.

At about 10 a.m. on Sept. 15 a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported that thieves had stolen items from the yard.

On the morning of Sept. 15 an Albany resident reported that vandals had flattened all on her car while it was on the 900 block of Tenth Avenue.

At about noon on Sept. 15 a resident on the 1100 block of Neilson Street reported that thieves had broken into a construction site and stole items.

On the afternoon of Sept. 15 a resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that someone had "keyed" her '90 Honda Accord.

On the morning of Sept. 15 a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that a mailbox had been broken and items stolen.

During the week of Sept. 15 Albany officers towed a vehicle, responded to eight alarms, attended to five deceased animals, and arrested two people who were living out of their house of car. In domestic arena, officers responded to 19 civil disturbances, 36 assists and stopped 71 vehicles issuing 36 citations, 35 warnings. Albany firefighters responded to 16 medical emergencies.

Four suspects arrested in pizza case

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — On Sept. 15 at 5:50 p.m. four people were arrested for attempted robbery and conspiracy. The four, two 18-year-old Albany men and two juveniles, reportedly ordered a pizza and had it delivered to a vacant address in the 3400 block of Belmont Avenue. When the pizza delivery men arrived with the pizza, one of those soon to be arrested wrapped his right hand in a T-shirt, apparently to make the delivery men think he was holding a handgun. The police report notes that the delivery drivers were coaxed "to the back of the house." The delivery drivers returned to the pizza restaurant and notified police about the incident. The four suspects were subsequently spotted near the Pacific East Mall, detained by police, and positively identified by the delivery drivers. The two adults were taken to county jail after their arrest; the juveniles were arrested and taken to juvenile hall in Martinez after their parents were notified.

On Sept. 8 at 11:19 p.m. a "very intoxicated" 34-year-old El Cerrito man trespassed into the cafeteria of the El Cerrito High School campus through an open door. The man had entered school grounds without permission. On Sept. 6 between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. somebody threw eggs at a new Subaru parked in the 800 block of Pomona Avenue. There were no witnesses. Damage to the car's paint job was estimated at \$100.

On Sept. 6 at 3:51 p.m. a 31-year-old Berkeley woman reportedly attempted to exit the San Pablo Avenue Safeway store without paying for her basket full

of groceries.

On Sept. 6 at 4:59 p.m. an unidentified person entered the Blockbuster Video store in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue, took a DVD from a display and left the store without paying.

Sometime between Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 7 a.m. somebody broke out a rear side window of a 1997 Volkswagen Jetta parked in the 900 block of Sheslin Drive. There were no witnesses and damage was estimated at \$125.

On Sept. 5 at 11:49 a.m. an incident of grand theft was reported to police. A 76-year-old woman living in the 2600 block of La Honda Avenue had her television stolen by a man who claimed to be a TV repairman. The suspect, going by the name of "Dan," picked up the woman's TV, supposedly to be repaired, but it was never returned. The business address of the false repairman turned out to be a vacant building.

On Sept. 5 at 12:10 p.m. somebody stole a woman's purse out of her shopping cart while she was shopping in the Target store.

On Sept. 5 at 2:30 p.m. an unidentified suspect tried to push his way into a record publishing business located in the 6000 block of Stockton Avenue.

On Sept. 5 at 3:02 p.m. a report was made that somebody gained access to a locked storage room at the Mail Boxes Etc. busi-

ness at the Plaza and stole worth of tools. The thefts only occurred sometime between Aug. 30 and Sept. 5. There is a 23-year-old man with dress in Richmond and a blue second address in San Francisco.

On Sept. 4 between 2 and 3 p.m. somebody broke the right rear window of a Honda Accord parked in a parking lot in the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. The tape deck was stolen from there were no witnesses.

On Sept. 4 at 9:05 p.m. 1987 Toyota pickup truck reported stolen from the 1200 block of Richmond Street.

On Sept. 4 at 7:39 p.m. was reported that somebody broken the driver's side window of a vehicle parked on the street 2500 block of Nason Ave. Damage was estimated at \$100.

On Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. 1988 Toyota Camry was reported stolen in the 1700 block of Irving Avenue. The car was recovered by police and owner notified.

On Sept. 4 at 5:20 p.m. an unidentified person at the Carrows Restaurant Potrero Avenue and there without paying.

On Sept. 1 at 2:30 p.m. worth of tools were stolen from the back of a Ford pickup parked in the 1600 block of Ney Street. The suspect is as a 44-year-old woman.

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El Cerrito issues recommendations

EL CERRITO — The City Council approved a number of city recommendations and proclamations earlier this month:

Betty and John Buginas: In a recommendation to Betty and John Buginas, the council recognized the couple for their volunteer work on the El Cerrito Wire Web site, as well as the city's official Web site. The commendation states that Betty, a teacher at Cass Elementary School and a parent active in the community, volunteered several years ago to edit and coordinate the Web site. Husband John designed the technical part of the Web site and it became more useable and beneficial to Internet users who were interested in information about the El Cerrito commendation states.

Betty and John have volunteered hundreds of hours over the past two years in coordinating current information and photos and "archived materials," it notes. "The city has created a new city Web site which is maintained by city staff and consultant and Betty and John have therefore completed their volunteer service as Web site coordinators," it adds.

The commendation goes on to recognize, thank and commend Betty and John on behalf of the City Council and "extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their skillful coordination of the city Web site to benefit the

Dennis Makishima: The council also gave a commendation to Dennis Makishima for his volunteer garden and pruning work at City Hall and around the "He teaches classes at Merritt College in Oakland and for the past 10 years has brought his class to City Hall and volunteered his time and expertise to teach his class the fine art of pruning a Japanese Black Pine," the commendation states. Makishima prunes the Junipers at City Hall on Earth Day and has taught a class to prune bushes at the El Cerrito Library and other sites around the city.

The commendation thanks Dennis Makishima, volunteer for years with his Merritt College class, for their expert pruning of Japanese Black Pine and Junipers at City Hall and pruning at City Hall and around the library and extends the city's thanks and "heartfelt appreciation for your skillful work in the city of El Cerrito."

Mechanics Bank: The council also commended The Mechanics Bank and said its history "is a source of service to the community not only as customers, but friends." The commendation states that The Mechanics Bank has been named Citizen of the Year for 2001 by the West County Business and Professional Association and will be honored at the annual dinner Sept. 19 in El Cerrito.

The bank has a history of generations of a family which has fostered a philosophy of kindness, concern and commitment to the community and is on traditions still observed more than 90 years after its founding. The commendation states, "The bank and its employees have provided for many non-profit organizations in West County such as East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Big Brothers and Sisters, East Bay Community Foundation, Contra Costa College Foundation, Salesians Boys and Girls Club, Richmond Police Athletic League and the YMCA of Contra Costa County."

Child Care Council: In a commendation the council also dedicated Oct. 12, 2001, to be Contra Costa Child Care Council Day in the city of El Cerrito. "The year 2001 marks the 25th anniversary for the Contra Costa Child Care Council providing a variety of child care programs and services," the proclamation states. The council serves over

20,000 parents a year and has a mission "to promote quality care for children by empowering parents and strengthening families, developing and supporting quality and affordable child care and early education which values cultural diversity and respects the role of parents as the child's primary caregiver" it adds in part.

"The Contra Costa Child Care Council provides development programs to insure quality child care through training, consultation, conference, home visits and scholarship monies for additional education and training and they recruit committed child care providers by offering licensing orientation meetings, technical assistance on starting a child care business and business training."

Workshop on El Cerrito general plan

EL CERRITO — The city is holding a second workshop and a study session on the housing element of the general plan on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. (The Sept. 17 City Council meeting is canceled because of Rosh Hashanah.) The General Plan study session is scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting of Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

The workshop will cover general information about the housing element as it relates to the general plan, state and federal requirements and housing goals set by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

After the meetings a draft housing element will be prepared and made available to the public for a 60-day review and comment period. A publicly noticed review session will then be scheduled (the date is not yet known) prior to the revised housing element being considered by the Planning Commission and City Council.

For more information about the workshop and study session contact the city's planning department at 510-215-4330. E-mail is radams@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Students set benefit for Red Cross

East Bay high school students have organized "Action of the Heart," a benefit from 7-10 p.m. this Saturday at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley that will send all proceeds to the Red Cross Relief Fund.

The event, originated and organized by high school students as a relief effort for the victims of last week's attack in New York City and healing in the East Bay community, will feature local artists in an evening of music, dance, drama, and poetry for support.

Visit fire stations at El Cerrito, Kensington

Fire Prevention Week is scheduled this year from Oct. 6-15, and as a kick off the El Cerrito and Kensington fire stations will be holding an open house at all three fire stations on Saturday, October 6 from noon to 4 p.m. El Cerrito has a station on San Pablo at Manila avenues, and one on Arlington near Potrero Avenue. The Kensington Fire Station is on Arlington Avenue between Oberlin and Amherst avenues.

This event will feature a tour of each station and a visit with Sparky the Fire Dog. The open house will also include a variety of safety tips for kids and their families, as well as fire hats, balloons and other safety related items. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 510-215-4450.

Advocates call for free student bus pass

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — At the first of eight Bay Area workshops on the draft 2001 Regional Transportation Plan, residents, officials and transit advocates discussed how to get people to and from work, school, church and play in a region that will grow by more than 1.3 million people in the next quarter-century.

Much of the Sept. 12 forum, sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, focused on mass transit.

The Regional Transportation Plan outlines how some \$82 billion in federal, state and local transportation funds will be spent from 2001 to 2025. The workshops focus on how to spend about \$7.7 billion that has not been earmarked.

Participants offered several proposals, including eliminating free parking at BART stations, mandating mass transit access to

new developments and building a new cargo airport in the North Bay to divert trucks from San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose international airports.

But the idea that garnered the most support Monday was free bus passes for school kids.

Advocates, who say school attendance drops off toward the end of each month as families struggle between buying groceries or paying bus fare, have dubbed it a test case to see if the MTC is serious about "transportation equity."

"Let's make it happen," urged resident Patricia Daniels. "Let's not just go over it and over it." MTC consultant Bruce Rordan, Monday's emcee, said: "This one's going to happen."

"... In some form or other," MTC spokeswoman Ellen Griffin added later. "The devil's always in the detail."

Two months ago, MTC officials said there was no money

available for the passes.

Under a proposed three-year pilot program, free bus passes would be offered to middle and high school students in the AC Transit District who are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches. More than 30,000 students in the district, which stretches from Pinole to Fremont, would qualify, said Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, an early sponsor of the idea.

The program would also offer an annual \$95 pass to students who do not qualify for the free pass. Gioia has asked the MTC to chip in \$12 million of the estimated \$44.5 million, three-year cost.

Among other proposals, El Cerrito resident Art Weber proposed amending the state Planning Code "to prohibit any new development that is not at least as accessible for non-motorists as it is for those who drive."

UC Berkeley student Hank

Fung argued against spending money for a BART airport extension, urging bus service on a dedicated lane as a cheaper alternative.

Ethan Veneklasen of the California Alliance for Jobs argued against eliminating free parking at BART. Instead of getting people on buses to BART, it would just get them back into their cars, Veneklasen said.

Reynaldo Guerrero of Oakland-based Transportation Choices Forum said the MTC must do more to attract poor and minority people to public forums.

"The mechanisms haven't been there for them to participate," Guerrero said. "A single notice in the newspaper is not enough. You have to go into the community."

"This is great. They came to Richmond."

For a complete list of workshop dates, contact MTC at 510-464-7787.



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A SPECIAL AEF grant helped the Albany High School Journalism students (back row: Lauren Nakasato, Reeta Hernes, Felicia Wu; front row Justin Samudio, David Klein) attend the Journalism Education Association Convention in San Francisco in March.

Albany Education Foundation thanks its 2000-01 donors

The Albany Education Foundation is offering its thanks to the community for a successful 2000-01 campaign that raised \$55,700 to support Albany Unified School District programs ranging from dramatic playhouse keeping and kitchen furniture at the Children's Center to theater/performance tech workshops at AHS.

The AEF also commended its sustaining donors, who have committed to regular annual contributions, this year totaling \$15,000.

There are four kinds of pro-

grams: Field trip grants (up to \$100), mini-grants for direct classroom support (\$100-700), block grants for schoolwide programs (\$1,000-5,000), and special grants. Requests for special grants come as ideas and situations appear during the school year and are welcomed.

The AEF has also set up an endowment to ensure long term support of Albany schools.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Albany Education Foundation office at 1720 Solano Ave., Suite 2203, Albany, 94707. Phone: 528-6823.

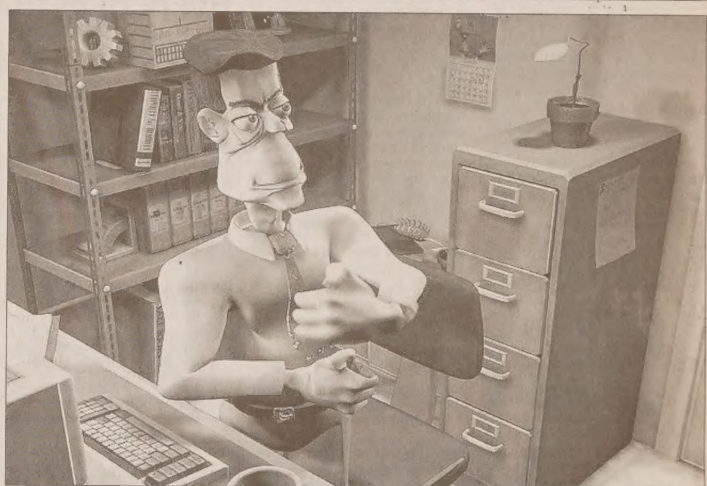
El Cerrito animator again takes top award

EL CERRITO — For the second year in a row, San Francisco Bay Area independent filmmaker John Atkinson has won the Silver Award for Best Animated Film at the Crested Butte Reel Fest, a film festival held annually in the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. His new short film, "The Daydreamer," tells the story of an overworked, underpaid office worker who battles some extremely insistent daydreams while trying to meet a tight deadline. As part of the award package, "The Daydreamer" will be promoted by online film network Films.

Working under the name of Atkinson Productions, Atkinson produced the five-minute comic short out of his home studio. In 2000, he also won the same award with his homemade short film, "Aspire." That film went on to win several awards at other festivals, was screened numerous times in the United States and Canada, and was featured on TV and in newspapers in California, Florida, and Colorado. The Reel Fest focuses on films of under 40 minutes and is the brainchild of Emmy Award winning actor Tom Skerritt.

Three days after winning the Crested Butte Award, "The Daydreamer" was also featured at SIGGRAPH 2001, the largest trade show in the animation and computer graphics industry.

"Independents creating animated short films have the opportunity to shape a new kind of art," Atkinson said. "Audience opinion of computer animation



COURTESY ATKINSON PRODUCTIONS

ROGER is embroiled in full battle with those pesky thoughts of his in the animated short "The Daydreamer," produced in John Atkinson's home studio in El Cerrito.

is forming, and it is not all positive. Much of the work out there is low quality, consists solely of bathroom humor, or is multi-million-dollar eye candy pumped out by the major studios, often in lieu of a cohesive plot. Space ships and dinosaurs are fun, but good story-telling depends on including the human connection. I focus on telling character-driven stories and seeing how computers can assist in the process."

Atkinson also received the first prize for 3D animation in the Beyond the Canvas Competition for his first short film, "Spaceport Mars!" In addition to making animated films, he creates effects, titles, animation's,

and graphics for art house documentaries including "Surfing for Life," "Robofly," and "Cricket Outta Compton"; TV documentaries; and national TV series such as "America's Most Haunted" and "Weird Places".

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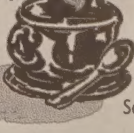
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Breaking the cycle of violence

On Sept. 11, our world changed. With the unspeakable events in New York City, Virginia, and Pennsylvania — events whose origins we do not yet fully comprehend — we at International Rivers Network join all other people of good will in expressing compassion and solidarity with the victims of these tragic and senseless acts.

Our hearts are open to all those who have been affected, especially those who have lost loved ones.

As we move forward from this horrible tragedy, we encourage all people to support nonviolence rather than retaliation as the appropriate response to these acts.

Similarly, we urge our leaders in Washington to refrain from responding to this tragedy in a manner that visits more pain and suffering on an already sorrowed world.

We also join in urging everyone to resist assigning responsibility to any particular group and condemn the hateful actions and discrimination that have been targeted at the Arab American community.

Out of respect for the victims of this disaster, with understanding of the strategic difficulties in conveying to a shocked media and public our messages regarding the World Bank and IMF, with concern for the integrity of security systems in Washington, D.C., and for the safety of all, we will refrain from participating in activities surrounding the planned World Bank/IMF meetings this month.

We are also sharing our concerns with the leading organizations responsible for planning and coordinating these activities.

We believe that the cycle of violence in which so many nations have long participated must be broken.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that "peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice." We invite all people to join us in envisioning new ways to break the cycle of violence against all living beings and the Earth, so that the peace that is justice may flourish for all.

The Staff of International Rivers Network
International Rivers Network is a Berkeley-based non-profit dedicated to protecting human rights and the environment.

Learning from the past in dealing with the present

The Berkeley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) joins with our national organization and millions of people across the country and around the world who are outraged by the terrorist acts of Sept. 11.

Though we are united in the sense of outrage at those who committed these heinous acts, the JACL is alarmed and deeply concerned over reports that Arab Americans and Muslims have already been targeted and mistreated.

We urge the President and governmental leaders to exercise restraint and to caution our fellow Americans against the scapegoating of any group due to their ethnicity, religion or national origin.

In the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, Americans of Japanese

ancestry were perceived as the enemy; their homes and businesses became the targets of hate and vandalism, leading to their wholesale evacuation and incarceration without due process.

The Berkeley JACL steps forward to help define what true patriotism is in this time of crisis: to uphold as a nation, in the face of anger and frustration, the very principles of our Constitution which the perpetrators of this tragedy are trying to undermine. We must pull together as a people and assure that this never happens again.

Signed by several officers of the Berkeley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League

The local JACL chapter has 375 members and serves the Berkeley, Albany and Oakland communities.

Finding a new path through the rubble

Dear Senator Feinstein,
My greatest fear at this horrible time is that our government, in its desire to squelch this terrorism, will escalate it, even as has happened between Israel and Palestine. I strongly believe that we must destroy terrorism, yet I also believe that as violence begets violence, we must find another way, ultimately, to teach peace. Our children learn violence every day on television, in film, in reality.

Corporations exploit third-world countries, only adding fuel to an angry fire. Until we truly look to creating human equality, can we really hope to eradicate anger, violence and mass murder? As I cry tears for the terrible and heinous loss of human life in New York, I have to remind myself that every day thousands of people throughout the world die at the hands of renegade armies, or are victims of disease and starvation; and no one seems to bat an eyelash. No death should ever be viewed as more or less important than any other death: we must mourn them all. As a mother, I truly believe that no mother wants to lose a child. As a world of mothers, we must unite to keep our children alive. Preventive medicine always works best. We must find a new path through the rubble that ensures peace.

My other fear is that as the days go by, we slip back into complacency. We have to be vigilant. We should be guarding our water supplies and drug companies, blood banks, etc., in a huge effort to prevent biological warfare, which is as possible as the plane hijacks turned out to be. I do not condone violent responses, and at the same time we must acknowledge the need for proper defense, which is different than retribution.

We must be very careful to protect our borders and human life, treading that fine line between defense and warlike attack, which I don't think we can do to our enemies without being attacked in return.

I don't have all the answers and I don't believe it will be enough to pray, but I hope we find a way to prevent further terrorism without an all-out war. The stakes are too high and too many of our enemies now have nuclear and biological power. We have to start brokering peace and to make friends of as many of our enemies as possible; otherwise I fear that humanity will eradicate itself.

Sherry Sanders Galloway
Monterey

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I'VE PLANTED MY VOCABULARY BOOK.

AND YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO GROW INTO A DICTIONARY?



EDITORIAL

Every right to take a stand

Last week's horrific acts in New York City and Washington, D.C., unified a nation and even galvanized the liberal-leaning Bay Area to a degree where nine out of 10 people surveyed support a military response to the tragedy.

In Congress, there was a lone voice of dissent, and it was local: U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee. The Oakland Democrat was the only member of Congress to oppose authorizing military action by President Bush. Her "no" vote flouted the wishes of 420 of her colleagues and many of her constituents. It may not be a popular stance, and it was politically hazardous, but the congresswoman scored a victory for democracy nonetheless.

It's clear what Lee is trying to do: act as a beacon of reason at

a time when human nature tends to get carried away, grasping for solutions that will soothe the outrage — an emotion that is easy to understand and even easier to act on at a time like this. And even if the rationale behind assassinations and air strikes may be entirely justified, it's important to hear all viewpoints on the subject. That's what a free country is all about. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech and most importantly, freedom of thought. Barbara Lee thought differently, and had the courage to make it known.

Lee has a history of going against the grain. In 1998, she voted against the renewed bombing of Iraq when it refused to allow U.N. weapons inspections. Four other representatives agreed with her. And in 1999, she was the only representative to vote against the Clinton administration's plans to bomb Kosovo over the conflict in Yugoslavia. But this time, she staked a personal, moral

claim in a matter more heart-wrenching to the American public than events that happened half a world away.

But stop for a second to do some math. As stated, nine out of 10 area residents back the Bush administration's plans. That's a far cry from 420 out of 421. Even if the rest of the country is tenfold less liberal, the ratio doesn't come close. Did Lee indeed speak for her constituents? Maybe, maybe not. But she spoke for a voice that's not being heard by the rest of our politicians.

In our forgoing region, her decision may not amount to political suicide. But to many, it didn't make her a hero. Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean said she respected Lee's vote but disagreed with it, and that responsible parties must be brought to justice.

Many of Lee's constituents are fearful, angry and feeling vulnerable, all of which lead to a cry for immediate action.

And maybe they're right.

Proper conduct dealing with nautical terrorists striking an age blow to democracy isn't entirely new, but it's never been dealt with on such a large scale. Flags unfurl and lips curl as populace braces for what could be a catastrophic new world, of the spilled blood of innocents and the not-so-innocent. May it be time to man the battle lines.

But it's important not to get what's being fought for — right to a freedom that our current attackers do not understand and would like to strip from us. The right to voice opinion and air views that are not more viable than popular thinking, but deserve to be heard regardless. As patriotism and nationalism tie the country in a furious unified knot, all possibilities and viewpoints must be raised, and as a politician, Barbara Lee's determination courage should be acknowledged.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



LOTS OF PEOPLE crowd Solano Avenue in Albany during the Solano Stroll on Sunday Sept. 9.

Solano Stroll's messy aftermath

I was disgusted and appalled to see the huge amounts of litter, mostly from food and drinks, that lined Solano Avenue in piles today.

My first reaction was to think of how irresponsible all the people leaving their

trash on the street were. But then, upon further considering the issue, I realized that there just simply were not nearly enough visible trash cans, and practically no recycling. I myself had to walk over two blocks to find a trash can in which to put my lunch plate.

A former resident of Berkeley, I now live in Eugene where I am studying at the University of Oregon. My experiences with events organized by the city, the university, and other organizations there have shown me how a community can truly be environmentally responsible. At all of these events, waste is incredibly well managed, with ample trash cans accompanied by plastic, paper, and glass recycling, as well as compost bins for food waste. These events would serve as excellent models when considering waste management (and reduction through recycling!) at future Strolls.

Better planning in the future will allow us to enjoy the Stroll while acting in greater accordance with the Bay Area environmental ethics that we nominally value but clearly fail to practice. Through greater efforts in our community, we can help to promote waste reduction and educate each other.

Peace,

Magali Rabasa
Eugene, Oregon

Accidents just waiting

Who is responsible for designing the traffic flow, parking signs, etc., at the revamped El Cerrito Plaza?

I have already seen two drivers enter

the wrong way on the English-style "roundabout" near Ross and Bed, Bath, and Beyond!

Perhaps we need traffic control officers there, such as used during sporting events.

These are accidents waiting to happen.

Gerry Hagopian
Richmond

Worsening traffic

If elected officials think public transit is so vital a service that employee strikes should be prohibited, why haven't they proposed an amendment to the planning code that would reflect that urgency?

Roads have always been a necessary evil. They're finally getting around to realizing water is essential. What about public transportation and other infrastructure needed for pedestrians and bicyclists?

At last year's public hearings on Bay Area transportation issues (presided over by State Sen. Don Perata), one speaker proposed a civil rights amendment to the planning code requiring all new development to be equally accessible and functional for those who don't drive.

By failing to fix a planning process that forces more and more of us to depend on automobiles, Perata and his colleagues only worsen our traffic congestion problems.

The improved public transit benefits promised by proponents of so-called "smart growth" incentive programs will

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Opportunism and opportunity emerge from last week's tragedy

For 99.999 percent of Americans, the past week and a half has been their worst hour, a collective demonstration of Hemingway's definition of courage: "grace under pressure."

Then there's the other .001 percent. That includes the Ayala, the Falwell and Robertson, and the un-American jerks who

and the fellow citizens who happen to be Muslims.

But the scummiest of all are the scam artists who are literally robbing the dead. Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Ronda Theisen tells me

the day after the attack, the telemarketers were calling the families of the missing and asking for their loved ones' Social Security numbers to help with identification.

"These people are as low as Osama Bin Laden," says Theisen. And who can disagree?

Other crooks are calling people here in the Bay Area — especially old people — and trying to collect

money for the American Red Cross. Don't believe them.

"We're not calling anyone," says Kimberly Roberts, spokeswoman for the Red Cross.

In fact, we're trying to keep all our lines open for people who are trying to call us.

If you have an elderly relative or friend, please warn them to beware of this fraud,



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because they're at the top of the crooks' hit list. Tell them to slam down the phone and call the cops immediately; the trail gets colder every minute you wait.

If you'd like to give money to the real Red Cross, call 1-800-HELP-NOW. If you'd like to give blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

If you want to help the widows and orphans of the fallen New York City firefighters, you can leave a check at your neighborhood firehouse. Or you can mail it to the fund that New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani has set up specifically for that purpose: Twin Towers Fund, P.O. Box 26999, General Post Office, New York, NY 10087-6999.

After the deaths and injuries, and the agony of the victims' families and friends, the thing that makes me angriest about Tuesday's tragedy is what it has done to our children.

My generation grew up in the duck-and-cover '50s with the threat of sudden death al-

ways hanging over our heads. How fondly we hoped, how fervently we prayed, that our children wouldn't have to go through the same thing.

But that hope was snatched away last Tuesday. How can we reassure them that they're safe when we really don't believe it ourselves?

And it breaks my heart to think that their older brothers and sisters will be marching off to war. Some of them won't come back, and the loss will be irreplaceable. In war, it's the bravest, the most unselfish, the ones who say, "Follow me!" who die.

We'll never read the books they would have written, drive the cars they would have built, benefited from the medical discoveries they would have made, or be comforted by the love and friendship they would have given. And our gene pool will be diminished by the children they'll never have.

Weep for those who died last week. But shed a tear, too, for the deaths to come.

So am I saying we shouldn't fight back? Of course not. It's a matter of self defense. There's no certainty that fighting will accomplish what we want, but what choice do we have? Sit back and wait for them to strike again?

But I can't help shuddering when I think of the price. Here's hoping Bush is a lot

smarter than we all thought he was. It's going to take great skill to prevent this from degenerating into a religious war, which would play right into bin Laden's hands.

I wasn't encouraged on Sunday, when I heard Bush refer to our upcoming response as a "crusade." I wonder if he knows that "crusade" means something different to Muslims than it does to us. (We think of Technicolor movies about King Richard and Robin Hood; they remember it as a medieval holocaust.)

And I hope he's smart enough to realize that he can't run this war the way his father ran Desert Storm — that is, secretly, with the public informed on a need-to-know basis. The senior Bush got away with it because his war was over in 42 days. But it can't work over the long haul, which is what we're in for this time.

Right now the country is united, and it's a beautiful thing to see. But if we're to remain united, the president will have to level with us every step of the way. I don't mean disclosing troop movements or anything like that, but he — and we — must be clear about his strategic goals and the sacrifices we'll have to make to achieve them. He'll have to be like Winston Churchill, who had the courage to open one broadcast with the words, "The news from France tonight is

not good." If he wants us to trust him, he'll have to trust us.

It'll be hard, because the military mindset loves secrecy. But the only way a democracy can conduct a war is if public opinion is solidly behind it. If the people ever come to believe that Bush is shading the facts, we'll have LBJ's Credibility Gap all over again. And you remember what happened the last time.

But today, Bush is my president, and this Gore voter is pulling for him all the way. The 2000 election is finally over; it ended at 8:45 a.m. last Tuesday. Today, we are all Democrats; we are all Republicans.

A word about Barbara Lee. If her e-mail has been anything like mine since she cast the solo "No" vote against invoking the War Powers Act, she must be feeling awfully lonely. One of my correspondents called her "cowardly," ignoring the fact that it must have taken considerable courage to be one against 420.

I was proud when I saw those New York City firemen cheering Bush and calling, "Go get 'em, George!" (I especially liked them calling him by his first name. Only in America.)

I was proud when I saw shoppers at the Berkeley Bowl pressing cash on Berkeley firefighter Brian Evans (who was accepting donations for the families of the fallen New York

firefighters) faster than he could collect it.

And I was proud when I saw Barbara Lee taking her lonely stand. Even though I disagree with her, it's nice to see someone holding out for a better way of settling things.

Finally, this not very original thought: Billy Graham was right — we do need a spiritual revival in this country. But it's not the kind Falwell and Robertson are talking about. I remember when President Kennedy was killed; there was a lot of noble rhetoric about how we had to start being nicer to each other. But that spirit soon faded.

This time, we really have to do it. We need to make sure this current spirit of kindness, generosity and self-sacrifice isn't just a transitory phenomenon. To do anything else would dishonor the dead.

Let's keep in our hearts and minds this prayer that Eleanor Roosevelt kept by her bedside during World War II: "Help me to remember that somewhere out there a man died for me today. As long as there be war, I must ask and answer, 'Am I worth dying for?'"

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Public session set for Monday on Eastshore Park planning

The second in a series of Eastshore State Park planning workshops is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, at Hs Lordship's restaurant in the Berkeley Marina to discuss future uses and improvements.

An overview of the alternative development process and preliminary concepts that explore different combinations of land uses, recreational enhancements, and facilities within the park will be presented. Workshop participants will be asked to review and comment on these concepts and provide their ideas on possible park uses. The proposed park spans eight miles from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to Marin Bay in Richmond.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, East Bay Regional Park District and the State Coastal Conservancy are partners in developing a general plan and environmental assessment for the park. The general plan will outline the long term vision for the future park and identify management objectives that balance the diverse recreational needs of the public with the protection of the area's natural resources.

The key, said park planning manager Don Neuirth, will be providing for different users whose needs could otherwise conflict. "Dogs, kids birds make up the trinity of the Eastshore State Park, now we must balance their needs in our plan," he said.

Planning began in January and will take about 18 months to complete, project officials say. A series of regional workshops and local briefings are planned in order to provide opportunities for the public to participate in the

planning of this unique shoreline park.

Following the Regional Workshop, a series of local briefings will be held with each of the five cities that are adjacent to the park. These sessions will be used to brief local city officials on workshop outcomes and project progress and to discuss specific local issues and concerns with officials and residents in each city.

The schedule for the local briefings:

Oct. 2 at the old Emeryville City Hall, 1333 Park Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3 at Richmond City Hall, 2600 Barrett Ave., at 7 p.m.

Oct. 15 at Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave., at 8 p.m.

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REUNIONS

Acalanes High School, Class of 1976, is planning a 25-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 22, in Lafayette, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lori Nott at 925-930-7194, or e-mail at whattott@yahoo.com, or bederb@aol.com.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1981, is celebrating its 20-year reunion with a party Friday, Sept. 28, at Black Diamond Brewery in Walnut Creek, a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Claremont Resort & Spa, and a swim party Sunday, Sept. 30, at Springbrook Pool in Lafayette. Contact Meg O'Dea Reid at 510-383-4213 or e-mail mcg_odea@hotmail.com.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1951, is planning its 50-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Roger Dunn at 925-254-2610, Ann Bronson Miller at 925-676-4256 or Robert W. Fox at 925-935-2670.

Oakland High School, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29. Organizers are seeking classmates. Contact Diane Johnson Wilson at 925-837-5582 or by e-mail at ducwido@aol.com.

Oakland High School, classes of 1941 and 1942, are holding a 60-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland. Contact 925-665-3821.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1956, is celebrating its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Radisson Hotel at the Berkeley Marina. Contact Alma Sechrist Graham at 510-724-5594 or Ralph Russo at 510-758-9481, or visit www.classmates.com.

Napa Senior High School, Classes of 1970 and 1971, are celebrating a joint 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29,

at the Marriott Napa Valley. Contact Great Reunions at 800-655-7971, or visit www.greatreunions.com.

Diablo High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Noreen (Bullard) Augustine at 925-682-4015 or Gordon and Donna (Sahm) Monroe at 925-682-6766.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Lowell High School, Class of 1951, is planning its 50-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 6, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lowell '51 Reunion Committee, 3723 Market St., San Francisco, CA (94131).

Westmont High School, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 13, at San Francisco Airport Marriott. Contact Gail Demakos O'Brien at 650-355-1332.

San Ramon Valley Union High School, classes of 1913-46, is celebrating a multiyear reunion luncheon on Friday, Oct. 19, at San Ramon Royal Vista Country Club. Contact Ardith Osborn Steger at 925-837-4306.

Campolindo High School, Class of 1981, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Scott's in Jack London Square. E-mail campc20yr@aol.com.

Las Lomas High School, Class of 1957, is celebrating its 44-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Carol (Eisenman) Clark at 925-934-3928, or Back to the Future at 925-249-6650.

Benicia High School, Class of 1991, is celebrating its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar in Oakland. Contact Shannon (Bornschein) Washington at 707-747-0749, or visit www.geocities.com/beniciaclassof91.

Alhambra High School, Class of 1951, has scheduled its 50-year reunion for Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, and is searching for classmates. Contact Joy Roush at 925-674-0179.

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Stegé resists EBMUD treatment bid

By Peter Felsenfeld
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — The Stege Sanitary District has sent a letter to Mayor Rosemary Corbin expressing concern over the East Bay Municipal Utility District's plan to treat city sewage.

EBMUD is one of four groups vying for a contract to treat sewage now processed at the Richmond Water Pollution Control Plant. The City Council hopes that a new or updated partnership will bring efficiency and reliability to the long-neglected city-owned plant.

Responses to the city's request for proposals were due Tuesday.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District's proposal involves shutting down treatment operations at the rundown Richmond plant and transporting the sewage to Point Isabel via a new pipeline.

Stegé, which provides sewage collection for 14,000 customers in the Richmond Annex, Kensington and El Cerrito, is concerned the larger district's Point Isabel plant won't have enough

storage capacity during the rainy winter months.

Most of the year, the Point Isabel plant sends local sewage to EBMUD's Oakland treatment plant near the Bay Bridge. However, when rains increase and dilute sewage, the Point Isabel plant stores and treats Stege sewage along with excess flows from Albany and North Berkeley.

In a letter to Corbin, the Stege board of directors said the small district could suffer if EBMUD takes on more Richmond customers.

The Point Isabel plant already gets maxed out on rainy days, and the small district's gravity-propelled flows might not be able to compete with pumped sewage from other sources, said Douglas Humphrey, Stege's district manager.

If the situation gets bad, parts of the Richmond Annex could experience sewage overflows, Humphrey said.

"We're flowing in by gravity, so if there's a capacity problem, we tend to bear the brunt of it," Humphrey said.

EBMUD spokeswoman Ida McClendon said the agency has massive storage basins throughout the system to handle overflow even during extended wet weather.

"I have no reason to believe space is a problem," McClendon said. "We're nowhere near capacity."

Most of the year, EBMUD's Oakland treatment plant processes 80 million gallons of sewage a day, but has capacity for 415 million gallons. The agency is ideally set up to treat Richmond's sewage, McClendon said.

On Sept. 25, the City Council will receive presentations from EBMUD, Earth Tech, USFilter and city employees outlining their proposals. A review committee of Richmond city department heads, business leaders and an independent consultant will offer the council support and, possibly, an official recommendation.

The council will have its first opportunity to vote on the selection Oct. 16.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

Albany PTA Council

Oct. 15, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

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Art Weber
El Cerrito

Disproportionate share of power

Of the 58 counties in the state of California, only five counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego and Santa Clara), contain "whole" senate

districts (19).

Those exact same five counties, also contain (41) whole state assembly districts. Combined with partial districts that is a "majority" of the state legislature in five counties.

The property taxes raised in all the other 53 three counties can be easily raided if and when those state legislators, of the above five counties, precisely legislate for their respective populations.

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We call our radio program "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts." It's a show about celebration: jumping head first into life's myriad pleasures. Mary Ann and I hope we share that title with our listeners and you, the reader. Because of the horrific events of Sept. 11, our enthusiasm has been temporarily curbed. I'm certain yours has, too.

I am writing this on the weekend after that fateful Tuesday. The neighborhood is decorated with American flags, an e-mail has been circulating recommending we all buy one share of stock when the market opens and there's a definite increase in random acts of kindness. Today ask someone how they are doing and you'll actually get an answer.

By the time you read this, we will probably be back to some sort of a regular routine. I won't use the word normal because I'm no longer sure what normal means. We are a much different world now, although the cock-eyed optimism in me still envisions an improving one and still wishes to see and celebrate the beauty and joy in the present one.

Getting on with our lives is a tidy piece of advice that's been tossed about these recent days. In his weekly radio address, the president even recommended we "get on." It might be a while before we are all fully comfortable with that bit of counsel, but I agree with it completely.

Routine to me includes simple celebration. Nowhere is

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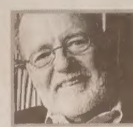
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never, in the foreseeable future, trickle down to many low-income single parents. They have no choice but to put themselves and their kids at an unreasonable high risk of death and injury just to get through the daily obstacle course of getting to work, school, day care, the Laundromat, the grocery store, and other activities.

Art Weber
El Cerrito

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MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

that best expressed than at the table. To that end, restaurants are beginning to see an increase in customers after a very slow week. At our home, a lingering lunch of cheese, bread and white wine with a silly conversation about what one share of stock we are going to buy Monday was an especially welcome treat for us on this otherwise somber weekend.

There's no doubt the travel industry will be severely impacted by Tuesday's incomprehensible tragedy. People will understandably be fidgety about air travel and, as a result, major carriers, both domestic and international, will feel the pinch even more than they have. Sunday there was talk of airlines cutting flights and laying off personnel.

My friend, Bill Groody, thinks people will, for a time, stay close to home, preferring short getaways to nearby recreational areas. Living in Northern California makes that a pretty easy thing to do. Plus, it could provide a needed boost for local businesses in the hospitality sector who were feeling the heat from an already softening economy.

At some point, the airlines will begin to attract the leisure

traveler with special fares and promotions. Do you take advantage of it when it comes it's all possible, we will understand, of course, the patience is going to be the traveler's most essential accom-

Life goes on. Here are press releases that arrived recently. Firstly, the Land Trust Napa County is presenting Ghost Winery Tour on Oct. These are wineries that have existed since 1860.

Prohibition. The wineries year are in St. Helena, Napa. Call 707-252-3270 for tickets. An appearance by real ghost is unlikely, although I'm willing to bet there's a two that are rumored to be among the old oak barrels.

Secondly, this announcement arrived from the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro. They are going to be doing things a bit differently this year on the Monterey Peninsula the first time in its 55-year history, tickets will be limited to what they call the increased popularity of the event, and attendance will be capped at 3,000 per day. This means if you're looking forward to spending some time following the lead of Bill Murray or watching the golf wizardry of Tiger Woods, you might be a good idea to get your tickets in advance.

The press release did mention who will be taking part in this year's tournament but you can expect the complement of movie stars, former pro athletes and other talents of industry. Sadly, Jack Lemmon joins the ranks of Bing Crosby and Phil Spector.

Call 800-541-9091 for tickets or online at www.attpbgolf.com.

Cheers.

Mike Cleary's column appears every other week in this paper. He and his wife, Mary Ann, co-host "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts" radio program at 10 a.m. Sundays on KABL, 960 AM. Readers can e-mail Mike at mcleary@960kabl.com.

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LaPierre bases her stories in a small town in the foggy, austere California north. The fictional town is Port Silva, and it is very loosely, she says, a small town of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County. I am fascinated by her description in an early note "at the beginning of the book 'Keepers', I have only started to say:

Port Silva, California, is a small town. Stretch the coast some 20 miles, scoop up Mendocino Bay, and you have a town. Set on a dramatic coastline over a small harbor and a university. Elevation 100 feet. Population 24,020, a mix of old and new, urban escapers, students, and tourists.

This lovely use of words and fancy she has created a town we can live in completely.

Janet LaPierre is one of three "Sisters in Crime" who will speak to the Friends of the Albany Library (and to the public who attends) at its annual meeting on Oct. 3 in the Edith Stone room of the library. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Her fellow speakers are Susan Dunlap and Charlene Wier, both widely recognized, beloved and local authors of mysteries. Susan Dunlap lives in Albany while Charlene Wier resides in El Cerrito.

The "Sisters in Crime" designation is an organization they all belong to and enjoy, wherein all the members are mystery writers—female, of course.

Janet LaPierre has been writing most of her life, but she was first published in 1987. The publisher published four more of her books, then stopped. After about six years, during which LaPierre continued writing, a woman, Meredith Phillips, of Palo Alto called her. Phillips had decided to revive a small local press plus another from Santa Barbara. She said to Janet, "I really like your books. I am going to start up

my press again. Do you have a book for me?" Janet had several, and two of them were brought out in that first year.

I asked about her protagonist, and she described a school teacher, Meg Halloran, her daughter Katy and police Chief Vince Gutierrez, who are the principals in several of her books, including "Children's Games," "The Cruel Mother," "Old Enemies" (which was a nominee for Macavity and Anthony awards) and her recent "Baby Mine". Other books, including "Unquiet Grave" (also nominated for a Macavity) and "Grandmother's House" have other Port Silvas as protagonists, with Meg and Gutierrez playing subordinate roles.

"Keepers", published in September 2001, introduces Patience and Verity MacKellar, a pair of Port Silva-based private investigators who are also mother and daughter.

La Pierre says she and her husband, Richard, together with their Labrador retriever named Emmitt Smith, do on-site research for her work from a 25-foot travel trailer in campgrounds throughout Northern California. She speaks of Fort Bragg, the Humboldt redwoods, and, most enthusiastically, the remote Trinity County.

Janet LaPierre was born in Iowa, educated in Arizona, and has lived most of her adult life in Berkeley. Husband Richard is now retired after years as an electronic engineer at Lawrence Berkeley Lab. Their daughters are Adrian and Jacqueline. One of them works in Los Angeles in a furniture place, the other is one of five principals in an environmental firm in Oakland. They were interesting children and they are nice adults, she says.

And how did she start writing mysteries? Her mother and father always read mysteries. She came out of college with a "pretty heavy background in literature". She adds, "I thought for years about writing but never had the nerve." But when her children went off to junior high school she had nothing to do. "I didn't want to go back to teaching (she taught night school English), couldn't drink wine all afternoon, and writing mysteries wouldn't make me feel too bad if I failed." She adds, "I am a reasonably good writer. I think I do uphold the craftsmanship of this genre."

She enjoys it, which is a plus. She explains "Most of us do not make a full fledged living in this, but it is interesting to do." And "Even when I had

no publisher I kept on writing. It is what I do."

As noted, she belongs to Sisters in Crime, and to the Authors Guild. She says she has ascertained that the people in the Guild, which is based in New York, are fine.

Janet noted that she and Charlene Wier (whom I wrote about when her first book was published. I have also, of course, written about Susan Dunlap) started out in the same writers group. A group just of women, with no ego conflict. Bright women, she says, able to offer intelligent criticism. "I learned a lot from it."

Janet, husband Richard and dog Emmett were leaving the day after our interview for a week in the mountains, in Trinity County. No TV, very little radio and few newspapers. Her eyes shone at the thought.

I love writing about authors,

especially mystery writers. They tend to be bright, interesting, and witty. At least the ones I have interviewed. This was no exception.

The meeting where Susan Dunlap, Charlene Wier and Janet LaPierre will speak, again, will be held in the Edith Stone room of the Albany library, at Marin and Masonic avenues. It should be an interesting and fun evening, ending with one of the delicious cakes and punch that are such a lovely end to a delightful meeting.

Thank you, Librarian Ronnie Davis, for suggesting Janet LaPierre to me. I did so enjoy our meeting. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas of interesting people or events. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

Do students earn honors at national championships

Janet Marti Malloy and Djokic, students at the Judo Institute in El Cerrito, earned national recognition at the U.S. National Championships.

National Ladder Championships is a unique national tournament in which athletes compete in their usual weight class for national honors. One of the toughest tournaments because of the competition system used. All competitors in round robin play in a modified single elimination format.

Malloy, 15, won all three of her robin pool matches by the equivalent of a knock-out. She quickly dis-

patched her first two opponents using shime-waza, or choking techniques, bringing her opponents to submission. She then faced a tough Stephanie Moyerman of Philadelphia. Moyerman was a medalist at this year's U.S. High School Nationals, as well as at the Miami Youth International championships. Throwing Moyerman for ippon with uchimata, inner thigh reap, Malloy advanced to the tournament play.

In her first round in tournament play, Malloy faced Chanda Ishisaka of Los Angeles, who was coming off a gold medal win at the U.S. Junior Nationals. Malloy easily beat Ishisaka by wazari, half point, using her favorite uchimata, while advancing to the finals to once again meet Moyerman. Malloy handled

Moyerman again, beating her by wazari with uchimata, to take the gold medal.

Djokic, 17, a senior at El Cerrito High School, lost in her opening match to eventual gold medalist Carrie Chandler. She came back to beat Balaban of Arizona with her favorite uchimata throw, which brought her into tournament play. There, she won her next match and once

again met Chandler for the gold medal. But, once again Chandler got the best of Djokic, who then turned around and beat Ungar of Chicago for the silver medal.

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Kiefer's

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led by three svelte dancers in dramatic poses.

Provocative couples decorate both sides of the screen, scantily clad with wild headdresses.

The frescoes have inevitably lost some of their brightness, but still wind colorfully around the screen area.

On the wall of the theater's lobby, also stuffed with Kiefer paraphernalia, is an original frosted-glass mirror, etched with figures of the goddess Diana, her stag and slinky dogs.

Now the building is both functional warehouse and a trip into the past.

It's not hard to imagine rows filled with engrossed moviegoers in suits and ties or pumps and pearls.

In those days, going to the movies, even in a small house, was a big deal. Kiefer, 77, who has lived in El Cerrito since 1938, remembers going to the Cerrito and watching teen-agers head to Borden's next door for ice-cream sodas.

The Cerrito was not a fancy theater for the era, compared to the spectacular Orinda, built in 1941, Oakland's Grand Lake built in 1926, or Berkeley's Oaks, built in 1925.

All three of those have been restored.

But the Cerrito is "a cool lit-

tle theater," said historical theater buff Allen Michaan, the Grand Lake's owner and president of the Renaissance-Rialto theater chain.

"It was a beautiful interior," said Michaan, who tried to lease the building from the Kiebers in the 1970s, though a deal couldn't be reached.

"You see fewer and fewer of these intact; they're a vanishing breed."

How much of the Cerrito will vanish under new ownership has yet to be seen.

New owner Fara Pakzad has presented the city with plans for five retail spots where Kiefer's now sits.

He's hoping for trendy, upscale tenants. "A little bit of the atmosphere of 4th Street in Berkeley."

The plans include flattening out the theater's sloped floor, but nothing else has been decided for that building, said Pakzad, who owns Berkeley Lighting. "We haven't gotten that far yet."

Pakzad said he's talked to a couple of theater owners in the area to see if they're interested in the space, which needs considerable renovation work, but "none of them want to come spend money to improve it."

The cost of operating single-screen theaters is prohibitive in today's world of multiplexes, said Michaan, who wasn't consulted by Pakzad about the Cerrito but said he's not interested.



THE FORMER movie theater still has its original frescos, but the fate of the artwork is unknown due to the sale of the property.

Art Schroeder, head of the city's historical society, said it would be a shame if the murals at least couldn't be saved. El Cer-

rto doesn't have a historical preservation ordinance.

Even if it did, most ordinances don't cover the inside of build-

ings, said Michaan, adding he thinks there are a number of creative uses for the Cerrito that would preserve its historical at-

mosphere.

"Maybe the city should at it for a community use," said.

Lee

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answer. Misguided fools seem to take justice into their own hands all the time."

Oakland resident Biuck Irtzu also supported Lee's vote.

"I think we should take our time and wait before going to war," Irtzu said.

"I personally admire her," said Candace Keller of Oakland, calling Lee's lone vote "extremely difficult."

U.S. retaliation is inevitable, Keller said, but the "issue is terrorism" and should not be confused with seeking retribution against another country or its people.

Others expressed anger over the loss of life in New York and Washington where more than 5,000 people are missing and feared dead.

Bob Baltezoze, of Alameda, said he supports bombing raids on Afghanistan and a hunt for Osama bin Laden, a prime suspect in the attacks. He favors

evacuation of those who want to leave Afghanistan. "The rest of Afghanistan," he says, "do away with it."

In discussing Lee's action with her constituents, one message was clear: Most people fear more terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

"Every time there's a jet in the sky, I wonder," Baltezoze said.

Such fears can only be assuaged by increased security at airports and a combination of offensive and defensive national security measures, Baltezoze and several others said.

Donations

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Young, who admits he is "not a wealthy man." He and Jenny wanted to teach their 5-year-old daughter, the namesake of the deli, that giving in times of crisis is the thing to do.

"All I care about is if my daughter learned from this," said Young whose business has inhabited 1162 Solano Ave. for three years. "I really wanted to show her all we can do is help. I told her that we were going to find some way to help the families."

With organizational help by the Cornell Parents and Teachers Association, the Kims began the day at 5:30 a.m. prepping and pre-making sandwiches. By 11 a.m. the 120 sandwiches prepared were nearly gone and Young had to make a mad dash to the store to buy more bread.

By 2:30 p.m., everything was gone.

"It was a tough day, people

just kept coming back," said Young, who pitched in \$50 of his own cash to try and round out the amount to \$3,000.

Local businesses and city employees placed large orders on the day and made generous contributions.

Young said the day was a complete team effort and had nothing but praise for the neighborhood.

"We wanted to make (the donation) as a community — a kind of teamwork," he said.

Among those assisting in the disaster relief effort are members of the Albany Fire Department, who have been mourning the roughly 250 fire personnel who perished in the World Trade Center collapse.

"There are a lot of people involved in this," said Chief Marc McGinn. "We just wanted to make sure that the families are taken care of."

McGinn said most of the department has made personal donations as well as a joint donation for the Children's and

Widow's fund for those lost in the attack. Albany will also be sending a group amount of firefighters to a memorial service in New York, which will host over 100,000 firefighters from around the world, according to McGinn.

Young said he's happy to say that his daughter was on hand at the deli to witness the giving on the day of remembrance.

Enice helped in the preparation and drew pictures for some of the customers on the day.

"When I saw the (last) building collapsing, my heart was totally broken," said Young. "What we did was nothing compared to what happened."

El Cerrito art center set for debut

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A recently renovated hillside park building will soon open as the city's first community art center, offering an array of classes for all ages and open studios for local artists.

Scheduled to open with a gala art-show event on Oct. 3, the Canyon Trail Art Center, located at Canyon Trail Park, 6757 Gatto Ave., is planned as a gathering place for learners and professionals, first-time sculptors and masters, said Monica Kortz, head of community services for the city. "We want to provide a place for artists to come together and to give residents a place to learn," she said.

The grand opening will be held from 4 to 7 p.m.

The city closed the original park clubhouse, or community center, about six years ago after cracks were discovered in the floors and beams, bringing into question the building's condition and seismic safety.

These problems have all been addressed by the remake, which then went further, converting the space into a light-filled, first-class

art center, complete with dark-room and kiln, Kortz said. "It looks really, really nice."

The project cost about \$245,000, just slightly more than the \$235,000 earmarked for the work in a capital improvements bond measure passed by voters in March 2000.

The bulk of the \$5.3 million bond is for renovation of the city's community swimming pool, still in the planning stage, but funding for various park clubhouse improvements at Canyon Trail, Poinsett, Huber and Harding parks was also included. Work at Huber and Harding

parks is finished, and should be completed soon, said.

At the art center, a round of classes will include and jewelry-making, acrylic painting, and Classes will be held on days, weekends and evenings. Prices will range from \$10 to \$20 per class, less for children's courses. Class events are open to anyone, and fees for nonresidents slightly higher.

For more information, call the city's community center at 215-4370.

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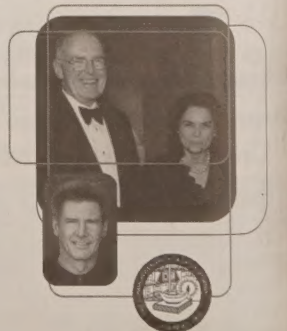
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Solano sewing machine store keeps lore, history on shelf

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever strolled Solano Avenue, you may have seen it. Then again, it's equally as likely you missed it, this teeny-tiny shop that carries a wallop of fame.

Fame, that is, in the pins-and-needles set.

Opened in 1964, Jim's Sewing Machine Center, located practically on the Berkeley-Albany border, was the first Singer distributor in the nation. A small, white sign on the shop announces this fact, next to numerous articles and notes advocating animal rights.

Prior to Jim's, Singer, the world's largest manufacturer of sewing machines, sold its goods only in Singer-owned stores. There was one in Berkeley and a couple in Oakland, among other places in the East Bay.

The opening of Jim's, by Jim Slaten, a veteran Singer repairman and salesman, started an avalanche of dealerships across the country, as New York-based Singer realized the savings of selling its wares without having to buy buildings or pay rents or salespeople.

But Jim's Sewing Machine Center is something more. Slaten, who owns a second, larger sewing machine store in Oakland, is a nationally known expert on the history of sewing machines. He's also one of few people around who can tinker with that 1898 machine found in the attic and get it to whir like new.

Fascinated as much by the social history of sewing as by the evolution of machine design, Slaten maintains his stores as mini-museums. He's equal parts docent and salesman — well, maybe more docent.

"Before this, the only place you could purchase a Singer product was in a company-owned store; it was the initial start of something; it was a transformation," said Slaten, 61, who holds court from noon until 2 p.m. weekdays.

"In order to cut their expenses, Singer started getting rid of their employees and stores."

Berkeley's nook of a store, originally a garage, is filled with an eclectic mix of sewing-machine memorabilia in addition to machines, new and antique. Sewing-themed posters adorn the walls, knickknacks line shelves, and

there's even a miniature fake Christmas tree weighted down by sewing machine-shaped ornaments.

Slaten, who grew up in Richmond and lives in Orinda, does a vigorous business in buying and selling sewing machine memorabilia on the Internet. In fact, that's most of his work these days, he said.

Home sewing started losing its popularity in the 1960s, Slaten said.

More women began taking jobs outside the home, leaving less time for sewing, and relatively inexpensive imported clothes were becoming readily available.

The Singer company, founded in the mid-1800s by Isaac Merritt Singer, felt this decline and eagerly embraced steps to minimize its impact, Slaten said.

Slaten credits Singer with inventing "the first practical sewing machine" in 1850.

The invention of the machine is debated, but a rough form was made in England around 1790, Slaten said, adding that it was hugely controversial, with tailors and seamstresses fearing they would be put out of business.

Still, the machines thrived and their impact was huge, ultimately enabling the quick production of clothing in the home, as well as in factories.

"The sewing machine and the typewriter were the two most significant inventions of the 19th century," he said.

Today, factory sewing machines are going strong, witnessed by the global human rights issue around the condition of factory workers, often required to put in long hours for low pay.

"It's the humanitarian end of the thing that's so sad," said Slaten, who identifies strongly with animal welfare issues and is a major contributor to several organizations. "The sewing machines are the means to this end," he said, adding the sewing machine business has done him well financially.

But with home sewing no longer a cheaper, faster way to make clothes, the industry is hanging on by a thread, Slaten said. "The people that use the machines now are hobbyists."

Singer, which ended up manufacturing more than just sewing

machines, from cars to tools, declared bankruptcy a few years ago and has been bought and sold a few times since.

Today, no sewing machines are made in the United States. "It really is the rise and fall of an industrial giant," Slaten said.

Falling, but not down yet.

Cynthia Batchie of El Cerrito stopped by Jim's on a recent afternoon to pick up her newly repaired 1950s Singer machine.

Batchie has sewn all her life, learning from her mother in the Virgin Islands. Her mom sewed as a necessity, she said, but she sews for pleasure. "I make everything I wear."

She found Slaten's store in the phone book.

And whenever her machine stumbles, she said, "I know just where to come."



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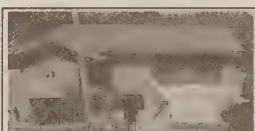
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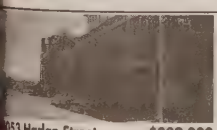
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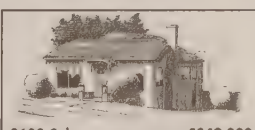
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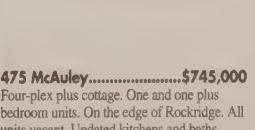
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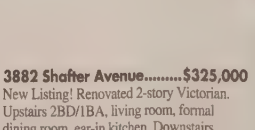
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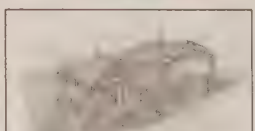
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A survivor of the 1991 Oakland hills fire, this Mediterranean Revival-style home is just one stop on the Oakland Heritage Alliance's fall tour Sunday, Oct. 7.

Mediterranean-style jewel still shines

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

■ Home is part of Oakland Heritage Alliance's fall house tour.

Unlike the other homes on Hill Road, the home at 6133 survived the 1991 Oakland hills fire. Insurance broker and civic leader Percival S.W. Ramsden hired Oakland architect George E. Ellinger to build the home for his wife, Abbie, and his four daughters, Marjorie, Patricia, Elizabeth and Shirley.

An Oakland native, Ramsden began his career in London. He returned from England to his hometown just before the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire in 1906. During his insurance career, which

spanned 50 years, Ramsden made a major contribution to the insurance industry: He created the "Oakland Plan" for handling municipal insurance on a non-political basis. Hundreds of cities across the country took Ramsden's lead and adopted his plan.

He had his office in the Central Bank Building on 14th Street in downtown Oakland.

The Ramsdens chose the Mediterranean Revival style for their home. The style developed from a Spanish Colonial Revival style that began in the late 19th century.

California's roots as a Spanish colony and the missions that dot its landscape gave rise to the style.

America's 1898 involvement in the Spanish-American War in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines drew more attention to it. At first Americans considered any home with red tiles on the roof as Spanish Colonial Revival.

The inspiration for the style finds its roots not only in Spain, but also in other countries that ring the western Mediterranean such as Italy and Islamic North Africa.

The coastal climate of California is classified as Mediterranean because the natural setting here resembles the climate there. As a result, a style that derives from

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Tour features distinctive Oakland neighborhoods

Oakland Heritage Alliance's fall house tour highlighting the Oakland neighborhoods Claremont Pines and Rockridge will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, from noon to 5 p.m.

Visit eight spectacular homes of historic and architectural interest. Seven of the homes on this full-house tour were built between the 1910s and 1930s, and range in style from Arts & Crafts, Swiss Chalet, Moderne, and contemporary Californian to Mediterranean Revival, English Arts & Crafts and Mediterranean-Pueblo.

An eighth home, built after the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm, is a unique Mediterranean with French, Spanish, and Moorish influences and features an elegant, sinuous French door and transom window salvaged from the old City of Paris store in San Francisco.

Some of the Bay Area's most notable architects designed homes on this year's tour, including Louis Christian Mullgardt, architect for the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park and some of the buildings at the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

His grandly designed 1912 home on Broadway Terrace, intended for large-scale entertainment and once the home of the late Oakland Tribune publisher Bob Maynard, will be the site of an ongoing reception for tour-goers.

Also on the tour is a Moderne-style home, which Clarence Mayhew designed in 1936, featuring Japanese-inspired sliding window coverings. Another home, described in the September 1937

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Taking a look around the real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

Date Change For Home Finance Workshop

The date for the Homebuyer Finance Workshop has changed. The class is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. The workshop teaches you the basics and helps you make sound, informed decisions. Topics include loan programs, low/no down payments, closing costs and how to reduce them. Learn about credit reports and lender guidelines. There is a review of the overall loan process. Knowledge is confidence. The workshop facilitator is mortgage broker, Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany. The workshop is available at no cost, but reservations are a must. For reservations call the Workshop Hotline at 510-718-2134.

McCormack's Guides

McCormack's Guides for 2001 are still available. These relocation/newcomer guide books are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools, SAT scores for local high schools, city profiles and directories of hospitals and private schools. Want to know where to go and what to do? It's in the Guide. Buy 10 or more for a savings of over 50 percent. For costs and order information call 1-800-222-3602.

Home Buying 101

Learn the basics steps to prepare to buy a home at "Home Buying 101: How To Buy Your First Or Next Home". This free seminar is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. The location is the lower level conference room of the Sanwa Building in San Leandro. Residential Loan Specialist, Stan Johnson of First Security Loan is the facilitator. Participants will learn about available grant money, 100 percent financing, FHA and VA programs and the Community Reinvestment Act. Seating is limited and a reservation is required. RSVP to 510-614-2433.

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If you are interested in buying or selling real estate research reports confirm that REALTOR.com remains the number one choice of consumers. July was the 23rd month in a row as the most popular real estate related Website. "REALTOR.com is the most useful place to visit for people with an interest in real estate," said National Association of Realtors President Richard A. Mendenhall. The site receives support from hundreds of thousands of Realtors. Check it out at REALTOR.com.

Homeownership Help

Down payment and closing cost assistance is offered through the City of Hayward to first time homebuyers. "There are still affordable homes in Hayward," commented Home Ownership Coordinator Sam Thompson. Buyers are required to purchase in Hayward and attend a Homeownership Class. Classes are on a monthly basis, as long as funds are available. To find out more about classes and other requirements call 510-583-4244.

REALTORS REACH OUT

The National Association of Realtors established the Realtors Housing Relief Fund. The fund helps pay the mortgage and rental costs of the families shattered by terrorist attacks. Realtors nationwide are asked to contribute to the fund through state or local associations or the NAR. The NAR, to open the fund made an initial contribution of \$1 million. Victims families can contact the Realtors Housing Relief Fund at 800-874-6500. Realtors and Realtor associations can find contribution information on-line through OneRealtorPlace.

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LTG III presents "Group Dynamics And Meeting Management". This is a one day course filled with tips and tools for effective performance in any meeting or listing presentation. The course is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28. The Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco is the location. For registration and tuition information call Cathlyn Scharet at 415-929-5820.

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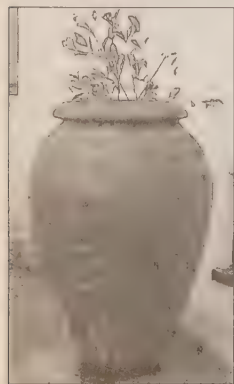
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September is the month of the California Association of Real Estate Lenders Expo 2001. Outplay. Outfund. "Surviving the industry". The expo is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26. The location is the San Ramon Convention Center. Vendors will display the best information available in the industry. To secure a booth contact CARL President G. Hays at 925-461-2365. For information check out the website at www.eastbaycarl.com or the CARL Hotline at 925-738-8888.

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On that brief visit, I only viewed the Twin Towers from the street below. The next time I visited New York in 1980, I had begun teaching architectural history classes at a number of Bay Area colleges and adult schools. So I decided to take the time to go to the top of one of the Twin Towers, and shoot a roll of slide film of the breathtaking views from the observation deck.

To be honest, the towers were not my favorite style of architecture, having been designed at the tail end of the "less is more", glass and steel box, "Corporate International" craze. But the crowds of tourists from all over the world who rode the fleet of elevators to the top of the buildings made me realize what an amazing achievement they were.

When I finished looking around the New York City skyline and taking dozens of slides, I asked a couple from Japan if they would take a picture of me standing at the window of the observation deck.

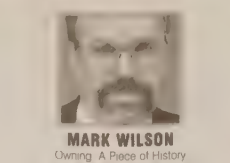
After the husband had taken the photo and handed the camera back to me, I remember very clearly the smile on his face as he said "America is a very great country, to build such a thing."

Now, less than 30 years after they were built, the Twin Towers are gone, along with the lives of more than 5,000 innocent people from over two dozen countries who were simply going about their business working to support their families or visiting these amazing landmarks.

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MARK WILSON
Owning A Piece of History

So, how do we honor these departed souls, as we feel the pain of their families', and our nation's loss?

Perhaps in part by rebuilding those two towers that came crashing down to earth on that sad and shocking September day, (as New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has vowed to do).

But for now, the best way ordinary citizens can show their sympathy with the victims, and try to ease the burden of our common grief, is through countless simple ceremonies carried out in communities across the nation.

Here in the Bay Area, there have been many such ceremonies. I attended one on Saturday night in my North Berkeley neighborhood.

Hand-written signs were placed in the traffic island at Hopkins and Josephine streets, saying "Candlelight Memorial, 8:30 to 9 p.m. tonight".

By the time I arrived, there were already nearly one hundred people in attendance. Dozens more arrived while I was there, and there was still a sizable crowd when I left more than an hour later.

As I stood there with my candle flickering in the heavy, fog shrouded night air, I looked carefully at the faces of my fellow citizens, united in sorrow over this unspeakable crime against humanity.

The people who stood in silent reverence that night were of every size, shape, and color.

There were two families from India with toddlers in tow. There was an African American father

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another part of the world fits right in with the California landscape. As time went on, taste refined the style. Architects and builders began to apply the term Mediterranean Revival to designs that used elements found outside Spain and its colonies. By the 1920s, Hollywood had exposed its audiences to styles prevalent around the Mediterranean, and even the movie theaters had taken on exotic designs. We need look no further than downtown Oakland at the 1926 Fox Theater to appreciate these developments. San Simeon, the home that Oakland architect Julia Morgan designed for William Randolph Hearst a year earlier reflects a somewhat overindulgent Mediterranean style.

A look at the outside of 6133 Hill Drive shows that Ellinger's design depicts the style in full blossom. The home's white stucco exterior, the grills on the windows and red-tiled roof leave no mistake as to what Ellinger intended.

However, the architect left three subtle hints as to the home's broader Mediterranean, rather than the narrower Spanish Colonial Revival style. First, Ellinger gave the home two picture windows. The one on the right for the dining room he designed in the more traditional style with panes and sashes, but he devised the living room window as an ovoid arch with just the hint of a point, an allusion to

Spanish North Africa. Then Ellinger continued his North African references using tiles with floral themes from Tunisia to set off the entryway. The architect did pay tribute to Spain, however, with a pair of Mexican "pots"—as he called them on his blueprints—he used to grace the entrance. He rounded off the Mediterranean theme with an arched entrance to the backyard.

Ellinger later removed the smaller arched entrance he had included on the home's blueprints to accommodate a driveway. He originally intended the driveway to ascend from Golden Gate Avenue, but later changed the plans.

The architect continues the Mediterranean theme inside the home with light fixtures, arched doorways and stenciled beams in the living room ceiling that remind one of a visit to a California mission. He echoed the ovoid window in the front of the home with a second one in the rear of the living room.

The Ramsden's master bedroom was on the first floor just past the entryway. They likely wanted to sleep where they could keep tabs on the four daughters who slept upstairs. Sneaking past the parents as they slept apparently was not an option.

The home boasts an unusual "social hall" downstairs. The Ramsdens probably used it as a dance hall; they had the architect install a raised wooden floor instead of simply laying the floor on a concrete slab. The radiators in the social hall on the ceiling are

original. Perhaps the family had them installed there so they would not interfere with the dancers. The home's boiler downstairs is original, functional and worth a look.

The home stayed in the Ramsden family until the present owners bought it in 1993. They did some remodeling, but were very sensitive to the home's style. They converted the Ramsden's master bedroom to a dining room. The table in this new dining room belongs to the current owners and dates to about 1840.

They gave some of the home's windows and doors new life, using them elsewhere in the home rather than discarding them.

They found or had period-appropriate fixtures made during the remodel. They kept the original railings on the stairs intact creating an adjustment that made them safer for their children.

Builders Mark Becker and Grant Phillips designed and built a deck for the current owners. The deck created the arcade over the driveway and restored Ellinger's original idea of an arched entry to the backyard. The family enjoys use of a paved driveway and a sunken yard behind the house.

Architect George E. Ellinger designed a Mediterranean Revival gem for the Ramsden family in 1931. Seventy years later, with a sensible and sensitive remodel, the home's current owners have made certain that this 70-year-old jewel still sparkles.

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When we were kids, our first tool was — naturally — the hammer. Mom always kept a basket of tools in the kitchen. I remember the Russian rye bread. I remember the bottom of the refrigerator rendered unusable by a piece of super-crunchy cheese. A piece of cheese was used as a sledge hammer for an afternoon snack. I remember our growing teen-age bodies were fueled, we eagerly awaited our second destination workshop. Dad has always had his tools with his special place in his workshop. I remember that we're older and have a better understanding his fascination with tools. We can't imagine anyone loves working on his home more than we have so much when we get to attend trade shows like the National Association of Home Builders Show and the In-

ternational Hardware Show. Tools, tools everywhere! This year was no exception when it came to tool innovations.

All in one

One cool tool that we found at this year's hardware show was a battery-operated device that the manufacturer refers to as their "multi-tool." Essentially, this tool does it all, and it's cordless. What you get is an ergonomically designed handle that is incredibly easy to hold and remarkably well balanced for one that is so inexpensive. The grip reminds us of a suitcase handle in that it wraps around the user's hand, protecting fingers and knuckles from little smashes and big crashes.

As usual the handle is what houses the battery, but that's not all. At the front of the handle is a push-latch system that allows three different tools to be attached. The choices include a drill, a reciprocating saw (jig saw) and a detail sander. You couldn't ask for more versatility in a compact design. With one contraption, you can cut, sand, screw drill, grind, shape and buff.

Portable bench vise

If you regularly use your bench vise as an anvil, you might not find

your next offering as interesting as we do. You can now purchase a portable, plastic bench vise that can clamp down on an item in less than 2 seconds and with over 1-quarter-ton of force. The manufacturer calls it the "quick vise." No, it can't be used as an anvil, but with the quick-vise handle, spinning is a thing of the past. Simply slide the jaw closed, turn the clamping dial a half turn or so, and you have achieved instant grip. And, the quick vise weighs less than 3 pounds, and thus is portable. The flip of a latch on its base releases the vise from its mount, allowing you to move it to another location in your workshop. We feel that this is one new tool that will completely change how people perceive the term "vise."

Hate digging?

For gardeners, a new tool is now available that is used with a cordless electric drill to help plant flowers and bulbs in half the time — and almost without effort. Hate digging but love planting? If so, this is the tool for you. It's a 6-inch round metal auger whose sole function is to drill holes in the ground. The twisted shape makes it self-driving, and that makes the digging much easier. If you like planting, you'll want to add this one to your tool chest. Dad would love it.

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1648 Broadway - \$375,000
925 Broadway - \$475,000
311 Centre Ct - \$380,000
450 Cola Ballena #G - \$352,000
1506 Eastshore Dr - \$630,000
2821 Fernside Bl - \$412,000
426 McDonnell Rd - \$425,000
14 Moss Pointe - \$575,000
2035 Otis Dr #A - \$250,000
21 Redondo Ct - \$449,000
955 Shorepoint Ct - \$240,000
1255 St. Charles St - \$630,000
3104 Washington St - \$383,500

ALBANY

1244 Dartmouth St - \$534,000
946 Jackson St - \$360,000
555 Pierce St #324 - \$220,000
555 Pierce St #333 - \$280,000
848 Stannage #11 - \$251,000
1110 Talbot Av - \$500,000

BERKELEY

1621 63rd St - \$228,000
2215 9th St - \$449,000
919 Bataan Av - \$260,000
3043 Benvenue Av - \$525,000
1419 Berkeley Wy - \$337,500
1456 Campus Dr - \$800,000
1178 Colusa Av - \$580,000
1031 Creston Rd - \$615,000
3004 Dana St - \$435,500
837 Ensenada Av - \$750,000
1767 Euclid Av #3 - \$254,000
1120 Euclid Av - \$1,100,000
765 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$600,000
160 Hill Rd - \$637,000
1012 Keith Av - \$705,000
2700 Le Conte #303 - \$291,000
1968 Marin Av - \$663,000
1741 Oregon St - \$405,000
1039 Overlook Rd - \$730,000
2 Panoramic #206 - \$301,500
1611 Prince St - \$176,000
1850 San Antonio Av - \$600,000
1609 Stannage Av - \$360,000
1701 Thousand Oaks - \$640,000
1148 Walnut St - \$675,000

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2011 Junction Av - \$310,000
936 Lexington Av - \$525,000
942 Norvell St - \$470,000
1905 Tappscott Av - \$431,000

EMERYVILLE

6363 Christie #130 - \$297,500
6363 Christie #182 - \$317,000

KENSINGTON

20 Kenilworth Dr - \$626,000
226 Stanford Av - \$400,000
200 Willamette Av - \$499,000

OAKLAND

1615 103rd Av - \$180,000
2970 107th Av - \$240,000
2321 108th Av - \$195,000
2538 109th Av - \$117,000
2439 11th Av - \$339,000
1419 12th St - \$202,000
1219 53rd Av - \$150,000
2601 55th Av - \$360,000
1618 57th Av - \$255,000
934 57th St - \$230,000
1257 60th Av - \$160,000
3150 63rd Av - \$225,000
1733 64th Av - \$205,000
2500 64th Av - \$258,000
2650 67th Av - \$220,000

1600 72nd Av - \$140,000
1301 76th Av - \$199,000
1657 78th Av - \$157,000
1569 79th Av - \$190,000
2344 81st Av - \$210,000
1431 84th Av - \$247,000
1955 88th Av - \$220,000
1021 92nd Av - \$110,000
1341 94th Av - \$220,000
398 Adams St #104 - \$162,000
320 Adams St - \$462,500
6833 Armour Dr - \$280,000
6851 Arthur St - \$279,000
7833 Ash St - \$181,000
696 Athol Av #307 - \$183,000
9024 Bancroft Av - \$165,000
4160 Barner Av - \$470,000
5343 B'way Tr #403 - \$207,000
6261 Broadway Tr - \$595,000
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5671 Cabot Dr - \$600,000
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240 Caldecott #304 - \$245,000
2917 Carmel St - \$428,000
4469 Carson St - \$372,000
489 Clara St - \$180,000
6601 Colton Bl - \$750,000
6688 Colton Bl - \$475,000
2856 Coolidge Av - \$223,000
3240 Delaware St - \$423,000

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about why the sellers are selling. Where are they going? What's their plan?

Why not be possible to know what spot where the sellers will be going. But going someplace else. If only in fantasy, is using a real estate agent. People who have a destination in mind are excited and willing to do whatever it takes to get going, whereas those with nothing in front of them are not.

What they have now. Sometimes looking at other houses for sale — selected, well-priced houses — can be an inspiration, may help would-be sellers see how their own houses could be sold. They might just go home

with a new understanding of the invogue, clean and spare look, and then apply it.

There is a last option, not my first choice, but sometimes it's unavoidable: Just let it be. Some people can't do it any other way. No painting, minimal de-cluttering, no staging or new landscaping; just living as they're used to living. With little further thought, if and when the house sells, the owners will all at once face what to do, where to go. It seems like the hard way, but for some, it's the only way they will ever make it happen.

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Park-like grounds, pool & more in this 1930's "villa". 6249 Leona
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Come home to peaceful wooded views, ultimate quiet & privacy. The luxurious details & finishes of this almost new contemporary home will refresh your senses. 6730 Colton Blvd.
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ONE LEVEL LIVING!.....\$675,000
Just minutes to Montclair shops & restaurants, this gleaming 3 bd/2 ba home offers a sun-filled great room w/ dining area & kitchen leveling out to fenced, leveled backyard & huge master suite levels out to back patio w/ spa. 626 Caldwell Rd.
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

RIDGEMONT BEAUTY.....\$619,000
Special floorplan. Master suite and retreat covers entire second floor. Walls of windows, view. On cul-de-sac.
4239 Ridgemont Ct.
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PANORAMIC PARKLANDS VIEW.....\$550,000
3 bd/2.5 ba, newly remodeled kitchen, new carpet, new paint interior & exterior trim. Upper & lower decks w/ fabulous canyon views. Move in condition! 5115 Saddle Brook Dr.
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BERKELEY HILLS CONTEMPORARY.....\$500,000
Secluded, beautifully maintained Parkhills 1-level home w/ private patio, HWF, updated Kitchen & many upgrades!
1112 Hillview Rd.
Rosie Nysaether 510-339-8400

MINUTES FROM MONTCLAIR.....\$475,000
This sleek updated contemporary offers privacy & view. An open floor plan & dramatic colors make this a truly stylish home. 2331 Mastlands Dr.
Rosie Nysaether 510-339-8400

REDUDED 20K!.....\$449,000
Take another look! Sunny Montclair Traditional. Everything is perfect for new owner(s). 3/2+ close to Village and hiking trails. 2 car garage. 6677 Banning Dr.
Teresa Chan 510-339-4000

SOPHISTICATED CHARM.....\$269,500
Fills this spacious 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo near the lake, shopping, cafes, and transportation. It needs TLC, but the views, privacy, master suite and low price make this a great buy.
742 Wesley Way
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Beautifully appointed condos w/ high ceilings. Master suite, fireplace and in-lau laundry. Walking distance to lake & shopping. Not just an apartment, but home.
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2618 Downer, Richmond N&E \$199,900
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New Listing!
6615 Gatto, El Cerrito \$449,000
Open Sun 9/23 2-4pm

SUNDAY OPEN HOMES, 9/23

NEW LISTING!

4/2.5 364 Sparrow, Hercules \$359,000 2-4pm

Duplex 2818-20 Cherry, Berkeley \$599,000 2-4:30pm

4/2 730 The Alameda, Berkeley \$675,000 2-4pm

3/2 1050 Kains #4, Albany \$318,000 2-4pm

4/3 1309 7th Street, Rodeo \$319,000 2-4pm

1/1 1825 Vine Street #3, Berkeley \$235,000 2-4pm



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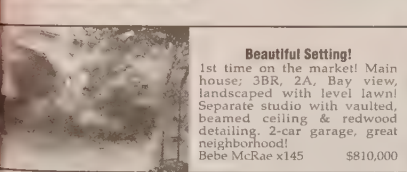
72 Gravatt Drive

First offering. Most unusual 1995 contemporary with fine separate unit. Panoramic views. Paul Templeton x 131 \$895,000



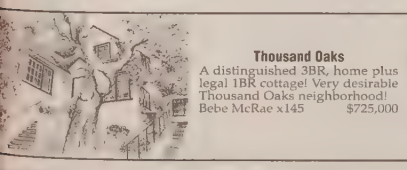
2734 Piedmont Avenue

Elmwood, Prairie style, great proportions. Formal dining room, liv. rm., sun room & den. Large fam. kitchen with breakfast rm. & pantry. Wonderful walk to College Ave. & BART. Ruth Frassetto x147 \$850,000



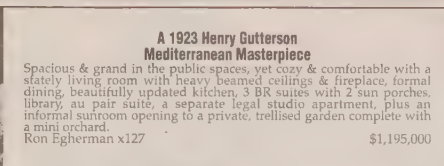
Beautiful Setting!

1st time on the market! Main house: 3BR, 2A, Bay view, landscaped with level lawn! Separate studio with vaulted, beamed ceiling & redwood detailing. 2-car garage, great neighborhood! Bebe McRae x145 \$810,000



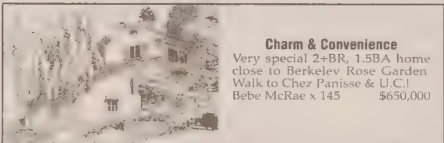
Thousand Oaks

A distinguished 3BR, home plus legal 1BR cottage! Very desirable Thousand Oaks neighborhood! Bebe McRae x145 \$725,000



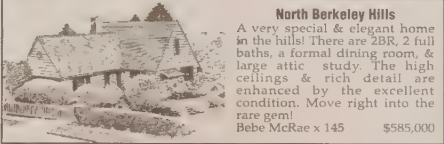
A 1923 Henry Gutterson Mediterranean Masterpiece

Spacious & grand in the public spaces, yet cozy & comfortable with a stately living room with heavy beamed ceilings & fireplace, formal dining, beautifully updated kitchen, 3 BR suites with 2 sun porches, library au pair suite, a separate legal studio apartment, plus an informal sunroom opening to a private, trellised garden complete with a mini orchard. Ron Egberman x127 \$1,195,000



Charm & Convenience

Very special 2+BR, 1.5BA home close to Berkeley Rose Garden Walk to Chez Panisse & U.C.I. Bebe McRae x 145 \$650,000



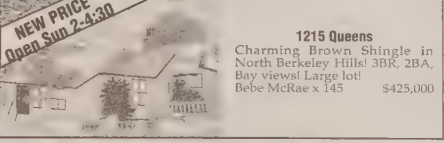
North Berkeley Hills

A very special & elegant home in the hills! There are 2BR, 2 full baths, a formal dining room, & large attic study. The high ceilings & rich detail are enhanced by the excellent condition. Move right into the rare gem! Bebe McRae x 145 \$585,000



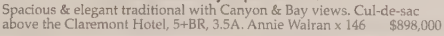
1517 Holly

A lovely craftsman bungalow located on a quiet street a short walk to BART & Montev Market. 2BR, 1BA, handsome living room plus bay window & fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with French doors to a deck & level garden. Ron Egberman x 127 \$485,000



1215 Queens

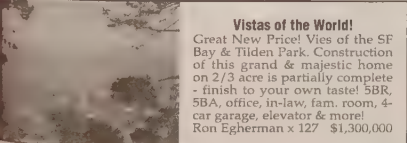
Charming Brown Shingle in North Berkeley Hills! 3BR, 2BA, Bay views! Large lot! Bebe McRae x 145 \$425,000



7020 Devon Way • Open Sun. 2-4

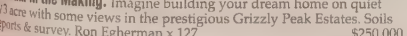
Spacious & elegant traditional with Canyon & Bay views. Cul-de-sac above the Claremont Hotel, 5+BR, 3.5A, Annie Walran x 146 \$898,000

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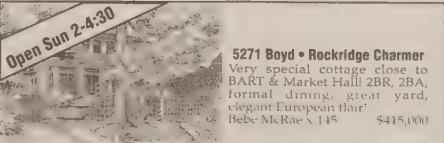


Vistas of the World!

Great New Price! Vies of the SF Bay & Tilden Park. Construction of this grand & majestic home on 2/3 acre is partially complete - finish to your own taste! 5BR, 5BA, office, in-law, fam. room, 4-car garage, elevator & more! Ron Egberman x 127 \$1,300,000



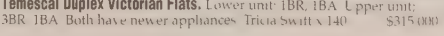
Dream in the Making. Imagine building your dream home on quiet 1/3 acre with some views in the prestigious Grizzly Peak Estates. Soils reports & survey. Ron Egberman x 127 \$250,000



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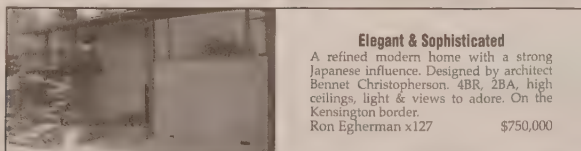
5271 Boyd • Rockridge Charmer

Very special cottage close to BART & Market Hall! 2BR, 2BA, formal dining, great yard, elegant European flair! Bebe McRae x 145 \$415,000



Temescal Duplex Victorian Flats. Lower unit: 1BR, 1BA Lpper unit: 3BR 1BA Both have newer appliances. Tricia Swift x 140 \$315,000

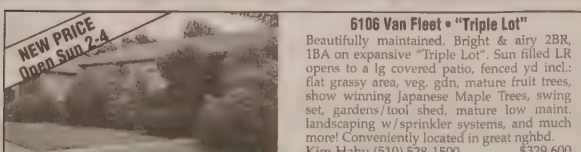
EL CERRITO



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A refined modern home with a strong Japanese influence. Designed by architect Bennet Christopherson. 4BR, 2BA, high ceilings, light & views to adore. On the Kensington border. Ron Egberman x127 \$750,000

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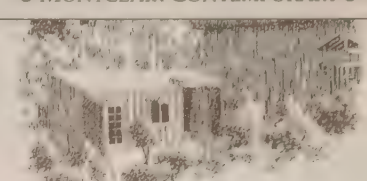


NEW PRICE Open Sun 2-4

6106 Van Fleet • "Triple Lot"

Beautifully maintained. Bright & airy 2BR, 1BA on expansive "Triple Lot". Sun filled LR opens to a lg covered patio, fenced yd incl: flat grassy area, veg. garden, mature fruit trees, show winning Japanese Maple Trees, swing set, gardens/tool shed, mature low maint. landscaping w/sprinkler systems, and much more! Conveniently located in great nighborhood. Kim Habu (510) 528-1500 \$329,600

NEW LISTING! OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY



2331 Mastlands Drive

Just minutes from Montclair Village, this 2 bedroom/2 bath sleek contemporary offers privacy and quiet views. The open floorplan blends an updated kitchen with a spacious dining & living room. Dramatic colors and updated baths complete this stylish home!



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308 St. James Dr. New Listing \$2,850,000
Exquisite renovations! Over the top elegance! Over 1/3 acre. Beautiful gardens with pool, spa and more. 5BR/5+BA and family room. Angela Wei Grubb



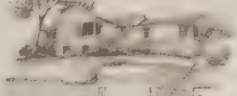
350 Scenic Avenue New Listing \$1,575,000
Enjoy breathtaking views from this spectacular home. Large formal living & dining room adjoin an inviting sun porch. Gourmet kitchen. 5BR/3.5BA, den & rumpus. Mindy Scott

505 Scenic Avenue New Listing \$1,189,000
Spectacular views & privacy from this contemporary on a 1/2 acre of terraced, sunny property! Deck galore. 4BR/3BA. Must see! Erika Celente
230 Palm Drive New Listing \$650,000
Located in one of Piedmont's wonderful neighborhoods, this darling home features formal entry, living & dining rooms, eat-in kitchen, 3BR/1BA. Anian Pettit Tunney

~ Oakland - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m. ~

2268 Leimert Boulevard \$1,428,000
Come & experience the spectacular Bay view, city lights & sunset, from this stunning new home with elegant finishes and gorgeous architectural details. Anne Feste
6349 Swainland Road New Listing \$1,400,000
Dramatic interior spaces creates the ideal entertainment home. Approx. 4000 sq. ft. 5BR/4BA & breathtaking SF, Bay & Bridge views. Steve Michaelides

1047 Ardmore Avenue New Listing \$849,000
Elegant Crocker Highlands traditional. Updated throughout. Situated on a quiet street. Spacious public rooms. 3BR/2.5BA. Level rear garden. Elizabeth Dickson
6240 Aspinwall Road New Listing \$829,000
Stunning newer construction with vista views, 3BR/2+BA, family room, formal dining room & private setting. Sheila Gallagher
290 Sheridan Road New Listing \$729,000
Designer's showcase. Dramatic lighting in living room & dining room. Gourmet kitchen, den & wine cellar. 3BR/2.5BA, deck & garden. Michelle Winchester



4060 Harding Way New Listing \$519,000
Delightful 3BR/2BA Oakmore traditional. Updated kitchen & baths. Secluded front deck. Level backyard. Suzanne Paul
3606 Ardley Avenue New Listing \$399,000
Charming, light & bright Craftsman bungalow w/ 2+BR + home office. Tastefully updated throughout. Large detached garage. Level landscaped gardens with fruit trees & play yard. Donna DeBar
3263 Madeline Street New Listing \$349,000
Lovely Laurel bungalow with three bedrooms and two baths, cozy family room and level garden. Mavis Delacruz
2828 Filbert Street #3 \$299,500
Open 11-2. Fabulous live/work. Great buy! Many quality upgrades. In unit laundry, garage, patio & secure parking. Donna DeBar
926 Aileen Street New Listing \$289,000
Charming 1911 bungalow. Formal living room & dining room, updated eat-in kitchen, separate laundry room, refinished hardwood floors, spacious garden. Bettina Balestrieri
3650 Lily Street New Listing \$279,000
1940 Laurel gem. Beautiful original architectural details, updated eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & living room w/fireplace. Refinished hardwood floors. Linda McClain



13454 Campus Drive \$1,198,000
This exceptional new home is set in the hills w/peaceful views. Superior craftsmanship thru-out. Gourmet kitchen. 4BR/2.5BA + library/office. Jill Carrigan
6958 Bristol Drive New Listing \$1,175,000
Amazing new Mediterranean at an amazing price. Exquisite & masterfully crafted w/ incredible spaces, a spectacular kitchen + family room. Study/office with separate entry. Front courtyard & rear yard. Debra J. Dryden
6555 Dawes Street New Listing \$1,150,000
Enjoy lovely sunsets from the patio or public rooms of this spacious all-level home in the Piedmont side of Montclair. 4BR/3.5BA. Au pair quarters. Nancy Lehrkind



340 Forest Street New Listing \$695,000
Wonderful blend of original Craftsman detail & state of the art new baths, kitchen, floors and more. 3BR/2.5BA. Close to BART & shopping. Carolyn Jones
5116 Manila Avenue \$599,000
Enjoy the sunset views from the hottub of this charming home featuring 4BR/2BA, beautiful new kitchen and separate au pair apartment. Lori Lombardo
45 Kingwood Road New Listing \$549,000
This contemporary home features a spacious traditional floor plan, landscaped grounds & private deck. Sherry Benninger

~ Berkeley - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m. ~

86 El Camino Real New Listing \$1,150,000
BERKELEY. Stylish, updated 4BR/2.5BA Claremont home. Eat-in kitchen, level, landscaped garden, Bay views, separate 2BR/1BA in-law unit. Attached garage. Karen Starr

43 Maryland Ave. New Listing \$649,500
BERKELEY. Great condition w/1930's charm. 3BR/2BA + family room. Structural systems modernized. Outstanding storage & workshop space. Chris Cohn

3206 Ellis Street \$425,000
BERKELEY. Classic 3BR/2BA Craftsman restored w/original detail & built-ins. Fireplace, hardwood floors, beamed ceiling, gourmet kitchen. Great garden. Jill Carrigan

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Stunning English Tudor \$1,450,000
Piedmont Side of Montclair. Bay view, 5BR/5+ BA. Office & apartment w/entrances. Debra J. Dryden
Crocker Highlands Classic \$969,000
Traditional w/original details, updated kitchen & baths. 3BR/2.5BA. Lovely garden. Elizabeth Dickson
Crocker Highlands Contemporary \$969,000
Spectacular & completely updated 4BR/3.5BA Crocker Highlands contemporary w/expansive gardens. Debbi DiMaggio

Piedmont Pines Mediterranean \$799,000
Spectacular views from this 1934 Miller/Warneke Mediterranean. 3BR/2BA + playroom. Katherine Cooper
Architectural View Home \$749,000
4BR/3BA & very private. SF views, level garden, hardwood floors, beautiful living & dining room. Kurt Buchholz
Upper Rockridge View Home \$799,000
Wonderful detailed home w/Bay views, spacious rooms, eat-in kitchen, 4BR/3BA + rumpus room. Mindy Scott

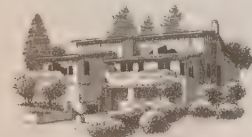
Montclair View Home \$659,500
Large 4BR/3BA + family room & Bay views. Two fireplaces & dark room. Private sunny setting. Chris Cohn
Classic Mediterranean \$449,000
Classic 3BR/2BA split-level Mediterranean w/random plank floors in the spacious living & dining room. Mavis Delacruz
Parkwoods Condominium \$320,000
Parkwoods "Carmel" unit. Front view, light & bright w/2BR/2BA and Parkwood amenities. Judith Cahn

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,750,000
5926 MARGARIDO DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Magnificent new custom Spanish Colonial villa. 5BR/4.5BA. Golden Gate views. Total quality & exquisite beauty. \$1000/- sf. Dee Knowland x318

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,875,000
6809 BUCKINGHAM (Open 2-4:30)
5+BD/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/pano SF & GG views. Gourmet kit/fam rm. Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre. Nancy Noman x373



CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,750,000
7070 NORFOLK DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Spectacular 4BR/4.5BA w/great views. Separate office or guest suite. 4-car tandem garage. Private patio. Francis Heath x357

MONTCLAIR \$1,350,000
239 TAURUS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Custom Mediterranean estate. 5BR/3BA plus separate 1BR/1BA unit. 4-car parking. SF bay views. Large private courtyard. Ashley O'Neill x368

MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
6139 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced! Custom home w/breathtaking SF views. 4+BR/3.5BA, 3500+ sq. ft., separate office/au-pair, gourmet kitchen. Close to Village. Chuck Corwin x353



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,075,000
5964 BUENA VISTA (Open 2-4:30)
Sharp & stylish 1997 Mediterranean w/ great Bay views. 4+BR/3BA, formal dining, master suite w/fireplace, terrace. Dee Knowland x318

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MONTCLAIR \$999,000
6089 MAZUELA DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced! Sensational newer home w/GG & Bay views. 4+BR/3.5BA, gourmet kitchen/family rm. Approx. 3600 sq. ft. plus 750 sq. ft. unfinished studio. Michelle Vasey x359

THOUSAND OAKS \$975,000
534 THE ALAMEDA (Open 2-4:30)
Fabulous Bay view Traditional 4BR/3BA, beautiful great room kitchen w/all the amenities, wonderful view master retreat, family room. Extensively remodeled. Solano shopping nearby. Leslie Avant x341

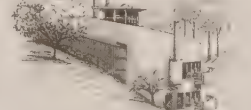
MONTCLAIR \$889,000
6780 OAKWOOD (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious 6 yr old contemporary w/gorgeous formal rooms, oversized kitchen/family room, 4BR suites/4+BA, 3 fireplaces. Jeffrey Himmel x307



MONTCLAIR \$779,000
1725 ALHAMBRA LN. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 5BR/3BA home w/ fabulous floor plan. Dramatic living room, kitchen/family room & 3 car garage. Quiet yet convenient location. Teri Carlisle x305

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$749,000
741 SANTA RAY RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Completely remodeled 1918 Craftsman w/world world details, natural gumwood, stained & leaded glass. 5BR/2.5BA, new kitchen/family rm. Kathy Flynn x317

Open Sunday



MONTCLAIR \$699,000
8047 SKYLINE BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Architecturally unique contemporary w/ bright & open spaces. 3BR/2.5BA, master suite, multi-purpose room, decks, 2-car garage. Donna Costella x355

MONTCLAIR \$685,000
6788 SIMS DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Great all-level 3BR/2BA with legal 1BR apartment. Located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Francis Heath x357

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$649,000
701 ROSEMOUNT RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stunning traditional w/Colonial influence. 4BR/3.5BA, family room, breakfast room, decks, patio & 2-car garage. Kathleen Callahan x343



OAKMORE \$549,000
3990 WATERHOUSE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 1928 Traditional w/sunny open spaces & a tastefully remodeled kitchen. 4BR/1.5BA, incredible master suite, deck & patio, wonderful garden. Donna Costella x355

ROCKRIDGE \$475,000
331 CLIFTON ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful 12BR/1BA bungalow 1 block from College Ave. Hardwood floors w/in-lays, lovely original fireplace, garage & cozy garden. Nancy Moore x302

Open Sunday

KENSINGTON \$525,000
29 SUNSET DRIVE (Open 2-5)
Secluded rustic fixer designed by Vernon DeMars. Dramatic open plan, large wooded site, prestigious neighborhood, some view. 4+BR/2+BA. Exciting potential! Gini Erck x339



BERKELEY \$425,000
1346 COLUSA AVE. (Open 2-4)
Charming "fixer" bungalow. 3BR/1BA, sunny garden, garage. Close to shopping & transportation. Jack McPhail x300

BERKELEY \$369,500
1346 GILMAN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 2BR/1BA cottage in desirable Westbrae. Hardwood floors, formal dining, sunny breakfast room & separate efficient office w/DSL. Nancy Chew x342



OAKLAND \$319,000
8125 GREENLY DR. (Open 1-4)
2BR/1BA bungalow nestled on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to 80 acres of open space. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood flrs. approx. 8900 sf yard. Candy Benny! x328

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PIEDMONT \$3,350,000
Historic estate, w/panoramic Bay views 5+BR/4+BA, 4 fireplaces, approx. 27,000 square foot lot. Helen Danahall 547-5750 & Charlotte Boyle x370

TEMESCAL \$819,000
Fabulous duplex plus fourplex on one lot. Low maintenance; freshly painted in and out. Michelle Vasey x359

PIEDMONT \$719,000
Charming Mediterranean close to Wildwood School. 3BR/3BA including large master suite. Newer kitchen, family room, spa decks, large backyard. Kathy Flynn x317

ALAMEDA \$445,000
Reduced! Sunny 3BR/1.5BA in terrific condition. New kitchen, large family room. Private fenced back yard w/deck. Sandi Klemmer x314 & Dick Cohen x308

ALAMEDA \$415,000
Sunny Italianate Victorian beautifully maintained & updated. New kitchen, large sunny garden, hardwood floors, full basement 3+BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x300

OAKLAND HILLS \$369,000
End unit townhouse on quiet cul-de-sac. 3BR/2.5BA, south bay view, eat-in kitchen, spacious outdoor living, 2 car garage. Robyn Mohr x310

ROCKRIDGE \$355,000
Charming 1914 renewed bungalow! Only minutes to BART & College Avenue. Great condo alternative. Jeffrey Himmel x307

BERKELEY \$349,000
Sophisticated 2BR/1BA updated cutie! Near 4th St. shops & restaurants. Large yard, hardwood flrs, updated kit/dining rm, fireplace, attached garage w/interior access. Jeffrey Himmel x307

OAKLAND HILLS \$260,000
Fabulous gently sloping lot w/wooded & South Bay views. Architect designed floorplan & elevations available. Near Mt. Diablo & Regional parks. Michelle Vasey x359

Coming Soon!

GLENVIEW \$459,000
Tasteful & stylish 1924 bungalow. 3BR/1BA, formal dining, built-ins, separate breakfast room, deck & patio. Approx. 1600 sq. ft. Kathy Flynn x317

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Chris Haffey 510-814-4813 Harbor Bay Realty

305 Sweet Rd 580/2BA 2-4 \$889,000
Open Sun
Darin Whitt 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty

2959 Sea View Plwy 4bd/2ba 2-4 \$825,000
Open Sun
Gallagher & Lindsey, Signe Nelson 510-748-1103

1604 Versailles 380/2BA 2-4 \$718,000
Open Sunday
Ben Williams 510-814-4831 Harbor Bay Realty

105 Diplomat Bay 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$868,000
Open Sunday
Tom Young 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty

201 Cumberland Ct. 3 - BD 2.5BA 2-4 \$858,000
Open Sun
Elaine Budka 510-814-4835 Harbor Bay Realty

407 Colabellia 3bd/2 - in Sat 2-5 \$647,000
Prudential CA Realty, McSam McDowell 510-337-9670

2610 Evelyn Ct 3 - BD 3BA 2-4 \$642,000
Open Sunday
Shirley McWilliam 510-814-4825 Harbor Bay Realty

18 Waterford 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$825,000
Open Sun
Berge Ux 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty

17 Bernagote Bay 480/3BA 2-4 \$619,000
Open Sun
Parvathi, Ramesh 510-523-0707

307 Capetown 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$695,500
Open Sun
Darlene Gardner 510-748-1104, Gallagher & Lindsey

2008 Fairview 580/2.5BA 12-2 \$595,000
Open Sat & Sun
Bill Bennett 510-814-4810, Gallagher & Lindsey

129 Basilinda Way 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$589,000
Open Sunday
Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815 Harbor Bay Realty

1621 High St 3bd/2ba 2-4 \$559,500
Gallagher & Lindsey, Bill Bennett 510-748-1108

1037 Taylor Ave 380/2.1BA 2-4 \$580,000
Open Sunday 2-4, West Central
Mark Palmer, eXtreme Alameda 510-529-9000.

3229 Central Ave -BD 2-4 \$819,000
Open Sunday
Windy Hart 510-523-0745 Kane & Associates

1178 Silver Lane 5 - BD 2-4 \$510,000
Open Sun HBI
John Bergman 510-819-5485 Kane & Associates

1102 Old Alameda Pt. 380/2.5BA 2-4 \$508,000
Open Sun
Hira Qam 510-814-4836 Harbor Bay Realty

2918 Marina Dr. 380/1.1BA Sun 1-5 \$499,900
Fox Real Estate, 925-735-7555

3275 San Jose Ave 380/2BA 2-4 \$475,000
Open Sunday
Conrad Real Estate, Frank Monahan 510-905-4799

101 Ironwood 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$469,500
Open Sun
Corrie Hanna 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty

2719 Calhoun 380/1.5BA 2-4 \$469,500
Open Sat & Sun
Joanna Dean 510-748-1133, Gallagher & Lindsey

404 Magnolia Dr. 380 2-4 \$469,000
Open Sunday
Jana Zhou-Hu 510-521-8810 Kane & Associates

8 Ellipse Ct. 380/ 2-4 \$459,000
Open Sunday
Wendy Sandoz 510-531-2274 Kane & Associates

1289 Banister Wy 380/2.5BA 2-4 \$459,000
Open Sunday
Wall, Jacobs 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty

1037 Island Dr 480/2BA 2-4 \$449,000
Open Sun
Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty

209 Raymond Road 280/2.5BA 2-4 \$440,000
Peter Fletcher (510) 521-1177 Century 21 Heritage R.E.

1545 Santa Clara Ave 3 BD 2-4 \$439,000
Open Sun
Mark Wyman 510-522-5827, Baystate Real Estate

2707 Otis Dr 2 - BD/2BA 2-4 \$439,000
Open Sunday
George Williams 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty

601 Park St 3bd/2.5ba Sun 2-4 \$439,000
Gallagher & Lindsey John Parson 510-748-1115

811 Harbord Rd. 2bd/2 - in Sun 2-5 \$432,500
Prudential CA Realty, McSam McDowell 510-337-9670

804 Central Ave 380/1BA 2-4 \$429,500
Open Sunday
Carol Martine, Realty World, Marlene Assoc & Mortgage Co. 510-523-9300

17 Brehaut 280 2-4 \$420,000
Open Sun
Jerry Rasmussen 510-522-0961 Kane & Associates

2101 Shoreline Dr. 280/1.5BA 2-5 \$415,000
Open Sat & Sun
Carol Burnett, Alameda Realty 510-865-7448

1010 College 380/1BA 2-4 \$399,000
Open Sunday, East End
Condemned, Nest Estates, Truyen The Dang 510-521-9532

1423 Morton St 380/2BA 2-4 \$398,000
Pacific Sales & Management, Ann Fox, Kristen Hiji 510-753-9800

1615 Morton 280/1BA 2-4 \$398,000
Open Sunday
Nancy Blanche 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty

339 Pacific 2 - BD/2BA 2-4 \$398,000
Open Sunday
Dorine Garsney 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty

1118 Marianne 380/2.5BA 2-4 \$389,000
Open Sun
Mark Playsted 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty

1548 Buena Vista 2bd/1ba Sat 1-3 \$389,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Kathy Ohsell 510-522-6425

1401 Chestnut 280/1.5BA 2-4 \$354,000
Open Sun
Jane Friedrich 510-814-4810 Harbor Bay Realty

343 Haight 280/1.5BA 2-4 \$348,000
Open Sun
Chuck Henschel 510-814-4847 Harbor Bay Realty

2101 Shoreline Dr 2 BD 2-4 \$315,000
Open Sunday
Virginia Andreoli 510-523-9664, Baystate Real Estate

3323 Cook Lane 280/1.5BA 2-4 \$310,000
Open Sunday
Marjorie Penney 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty

2101 Shoreline #233 280/1.5BA 2-4 \$295,000
Open Sunday
Russ & Linda Stein 510-814-4713 Harbor Bay Realty

650 Shoppoint Ct 280/2BA 2-4 \$298,000
Open Sat & Sun
Ron Rang 510-748-1110 Gallagher & Lindsey

223 Cypress 380/2BA 2-4 \$259,000
Open Sunday
Martha Turner 510-814-4823 Harbor Bay Realty

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Address & Realty Size Hours Price

955 Shorepoint Ct 180/1BA 2-4 \$220,000
Open Sun
Joanna Latta 510-748-1113 Gallagher & Lindsey

855 Shorepoint Ct 180/1BA 2-4 \$215,000
Open Sun
Joanna Latta 510-748-1113 Gallagher & Lindsey

1205 Webster #C-208 180/1BA 2-4 \$190,000
Open Sun
Ellen Walker, Alameda Realty 510-865-3147

1810 Main St 180/1BA 2-4 \$150,000
Open Sat & Sun
Tara Lee 510-814-4840 Harbor Bay Realty

18451545 Santa Clara Ave 3 BD 2-4 \$-
Open Sunday
Olivia Wyman 510-522-5827, Baystate Real Estate

1524 Central 2 units 2-5 \$-
Open Sun
Ellen Walker, Alameda Realty 510-865-3147

ALBANY

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

1050 Kains #4 380/2BA 2-4 \$318,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2138 Billy

545 Pierce #211 3 - BD/2BA 2-4 \$278,000
Open Sunday, 60 View
Prudential, Arlene Acuna (510) 524-2525.

BERKELEY

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

1 Quail Ave 480/3.5BA 2-4 \$1,300,000
Open Sunday
(510) 559-2914, Chris Kofitz, Marvin Gardens

86 El Camino Real 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$1,150,000
The Grub Co., Karen Star 510-339-0400

534 The Alameda 480/3BA 2-4 \$975,000
Dinauskas Realty
Leslie Arant, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x341

622 San Luis Road 480/2BA Sun 2-4 \$875,000
Moya Talling (510) 524-9888 ext 18, Berkeley Hills.

1210 Masonic 4 plex 2-4 \$795,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2175 Schuyler

2745 Parker 380/2.5BA 2-5 \$788,000
Judy Lehar, 510-845-0211

5888 Chabot Court 4bd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$749,000
(Rockridge)
Ann Arriba Plant (510) 527-2700,
Marvin Gardens Real Estate

820 Keeler Ave 480/3ba Sun 2-4 \$695,000
Ann Arriba Plant (510) 527-2700,
Marvin Gardens Real Estate

730 The Alameda 480/2BA 2-4 \$675,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2103 Marc

43 Maryland Ave 380/2BA 2-4 \$649,500
The Grub Co., Chris Coen 510-339-0400

2919-20 Cherry - 2-4 \$599,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2148 Franche

2241 Stuart 3 - BD/3BA 1.30-4.30 \$588,000
Open Sun
Prudential, Gaby Dwyer (510) 848-7711

18111/8th St 380/2BA 2-4 \$485,000
Mary Hanna (510) 339-8900 215 Century 21 Heritage R.E.

545 Cragmont Ave 280 2-4 \$450,000
Estelle Kent, Millbrook & Associates 510-527-4447

3206 Ellis Street 380/2BA 2-4 \$435,000
The Grub Co., Jill Carigan 510-339-0400

2424 10th St 3 - BD/3BA 2-4 \$425,000
Open Sunday
Reynolds/Prudential CA 510-945-0220

667 Colusa Ave 380/1BA 2-4 \$425,000
Jack McPeak, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x300

1505 Russell St 280 Sun 11-6 \$398,000
By Owner, (510) 486-1817

1345 Gilman St 280/1BA 2-4 \$369,500
Nancy Chew, Pacific Union 510-339-6460

1902 Ward St 2bd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$369,000
Colwell Banker Bonnie Ross/Jeffrey Naldeman
510-339-4700

1328 4th St 1 - BD/1BA 2-4 \$259,000
Open Sun
Janet Kaplan, Prudential CA 510-945-0200

1825 Vine St. #3 180/1BA 2-4 \$235,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2125 Kathy

19741 Summerlin Pl 480 2-4 \$439,000
Open Sunday
Chapman Hill 510-521-8015 Kane & Associates

6175 Mount Rush 280/2.5BA 2-4 \$369,000
More Circle
Open Sun, C. Mettemann, RE/MAX EBG, 800-400-6969

CONCORD

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

907 Estralla Ct. 3 - BD/3BA 2-4 \$519,995
Sandy Chan, Prudential 510-339-9290

116 Lila Del Ct 380/2BA 2-4 \$489,950
Craig Shann, Prudential 510-339-9290

EL CERRITO

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

6615 Garbo Ave 380/2BA 2-4 \$448,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2116 Fox

651 Clayton 380 2-4 \$388,000
Open Sunday
John (510) 559-2939, Marvin Gardens Real Estate

7757 Terrace Drive 280/2ba 2-4 \$359,000
Arlene Schell-Garson, (510) 625-9255, Therman Properties

EMERYVILLE

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

1500 Park Ave #312 2bd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$609,000
Coldwell Banker Bell 510-339-4700

HAYWARD

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

678 Penny Lane 480/3BA 2-4 \$413,900
Ed Marshall, Prudential 510-339-9290

19235 Times Ave 380/1.1BA 2-4 \$335,000
Open Sun,
Vincent San Nicolas, Alameda Realty 510-810-9204

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384 Sparrow 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$358,000
Red Oak, 510-280-2103 Marc



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Address & Realty Size Hours Price

5926 Margarito Dr. - 2-4 \$275,000
Upper Rockledge
Dee Knowland, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x318

6809 Buckingham 580/4.5BA 2-4 \$1,875,000
Buckingham Hills
Nancy Norman, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x373

7070 Norfolk Dr. 480/4.5BA 2-4 \$1,750,000
Dinamo Hill
Francis Hecht, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x357

6975 Manchester 680/4 - BA 2-4 \$1,680,000
Upper Rockledge
Gene Boomer, Prudential 510-339-9290

5891 Buena Vista Ave. 580/3.5BA 2-4 \$1,575,000
Redwood Heights
Reid Marchessault, Prudential 510-339-9290

2268 Leimert Blvd. 580/4 - BA 2-4 \$1,428,000
Dinamo
The Grub Co., Anne Frest 510-339-0400

6349 Swinland Rd. 580/4BA 2-4 \$1,400,000
The Grub Co., Steve Michalides 510-339-0400

239 Taurus Ave. 680/3BA 2-4 \$1,350,000
Upper Rockledge
Ashley O'Neil, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x368

5155 Girvin Drive -BD/BA 2-4 \$1,300,000
Prudential, Vinus
D.C. Higgins (510) 531-7657 Century 21 Heritage R.E.

6353 Skyline 480/3BA 2-5 \$1,295,000
H. Plattard, 510-945-0211

124 Sheridan 4/2.5ba Sun 2-4 \$1,200,000
(Upper Rockledge) Coldwell Banker Ellen Lancaster
510-339-4700

12454 Campus Dr. 480/2.5BA 2-4 \$1,198,000
The Grub Co., Jill Carigan 510-339-0400

6139 Swinland Rd. 480/3.5BA 2-4 \$1,195,000
Mortlach
Chuck Connel, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x353

6558 Bristol Dr. 480/3 - BA 2-4 \$1,175,000
Dinamo Hill
The Grub Co., Debra J. Dyden 510-339-0400

6555 Dawes 480/2ba Sun 2-4 \$1,150,000
Prudential, Mike (510) 521-8015 Kane & Associates

14000 Broadway Terrace 380/2.5BA 2-4 \$1,150,000
The Grub Co., Nancy Lohr 510-339-0400

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David Higgins, Red Carpet Realty (925) 254-4829

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Upper Rockledge
Dee Knowland, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x318

6089 Mayfield Dr. 4 - BD/3BA 2-4 \$999,000
Dinamo Hill
Michelle Vasey, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x359

183 Colgate 580/2.5BA Sun 2-5 \$959,000
(Oakland Hills) Coldwell Banker Becky Anderson
510-339-4700

48 Schooner Hill 3 - BD/4BA 2-4 \$985,000
Hill Highlands
Gayle Taylor (510) 339-9900 260 Century 21 Heritage R.E.

6225 Chelton Drive 480/4BA 2-5 \$948,000
Open Sunday, Mortlach
David Higgins, Prudential CA Realty 510-428-0800

6108 Fairlane Dr. 480/3BA 2-4 \$925,000
Mortlach
Caroline Peters 510-339-4700

5530 Bacon Road 4bd/3ba Sun 2-5 \$925,000
(Hillcrest Estates) Coldwell Banker Fritz Hochstetler
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60 Pine Hills Ct 4bd/3ba 2-4 \$925,000
Hill Highlands
Wells & Bennett, David Harrigan 510-601-9540

6780 Oakwood 480/4 - BA 2-4 \$889,000
Mortlach
Jeffrey Himmel, Pacific Union 510-339-6460 x307

6183 Swinland 4,580/4BA 2-4 \$885,000
Mortlach
Laurel Strand, 510-339-4800

9078 Broadway Terrace 380/2.5BA 2-4 \$875,000
Mortlach
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2301 Macdonald 3bd/3ba Sun 2-5 \$875,000
(Mortlach) Coldwell Banker Fritz Hochstetler 510-339-4700

1047 Ardmore Ave 3bd/2.5ba Sun 2-4 \$849,000
Hill Highlands
The Grub Co., Elizabeth Dickson 510-339-0400

3030 Holywood 271b/17ba Sun 2-5 \$848,000
(Mortlach) Coldwell Banker Fritz Hochstetler 510-339-4700

6106 Fairlane Dr. 4 bd/3 ba 2-4 \$848,000
Open Sun, Mortlach
Betty Haines, Ken Strand 925-899-6489

6240 Aspinwall Road 3bd/2 - in Sun 2-4 \$830,000
Hill Highlands
The Grub Co., Sheila Gallagher 510-339-0400

6701 Exeter Dr. 3bd/3ba 2-4 \$825,000
Mortlach
Wells & Bennett, David Harrigan 510-601-9540

OAKLAND

Address & Realty Size Hours Price

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Mortlach
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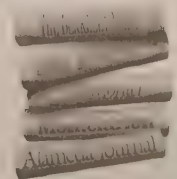
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Mortgage rates fall slightly

■ Economic rebound is not yet in evidence.

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.86 percent, with an average 0.9 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Sept. 14.

This bellwether rate fell 3 basis points from last week's average of 6.89 percent. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average was 7.88 percent.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been lower since the week ending February 19, 1999 when it averaged 6.82 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is

6.39 percent, with an average cost of 0.8 point, down from last week when the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.44 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.60 percent.


The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been this low since the week ending February 5, 1999 when it averaged 6.38 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.62 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 5.64 percent. This time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 7.26 percent.

"The August unemployment picture was weaker than expected, confirming suspicions that the much

anticipated economic rebound has not yet occurred," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist. "And although mortgage rates are down only slightly this week, there are strong indications that next week's survey results will be even lower. But the uncertainty brought about by recent horrific events may cause some retrenchment of consumer spending, stalling the economic recovery even further and offsetting the impact of lower mortgage rates."

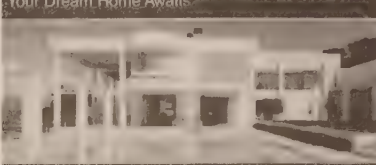
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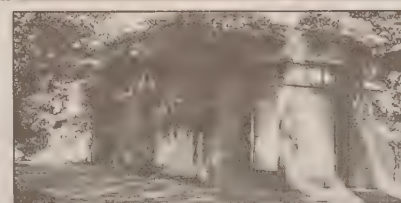
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BOD still giving Berkeley problems

3-up-3 down vs. BOD; Cougars stop Mustangs

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Coach Justin Caraway expects his Berkeley High School girls' volleyball team to be the cream of the crop in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League this year. And given the state of the league and the relative strength of the Yellow Jackets within the league, Caraway likely will be proven correct at season's end.

But, again, this year's AC-CAL is not a strong league. So perhaps it was a commentary on the current state of the league, then, when the Yellow Jackets went down in straight games to Bishop O'Dowd in a nonleague match on Tuesday afternoon. True, Berkeley once held a three-point lead in the first game before falling 16-14. But O'Dowd then took the next two games with relative ease, 15-9, 15-2, to win the match.

"The first two games we worked very hard and let them get away," said Caraway, whose team fell to 6-2. "We didn't execute in terms of blocking and didn't execute at all in terms of passing."

Vanessa Williams finished with seven kills for the Yellow Jackets. She also had seven digs and four blocks.

Amalia Jarvis added four kills and two blocks in the losing cause. Danielle LaRue dished out seven assists and had four digs.

Berkeley's biggest bugaboo was its numerous passing errors. "If I had to point to one thing, that would be it," Caraway said of his team's passing problems.

The Yellow Jackets actually led 11-8 in the first game, only to see the Dragons — who had knocked the Yellow Jackets out of the North Coast Section playoffs in the first round last year — come back to grab the lead.

Berkeley did make one final effort in the game as it came

Prep girls' volleyball

BOD	3
Berkeley	0
Albany	3
M. Vista	1



BERKELEY'S DESIREE GUILLORY-YOUNG spiked the ball during the Yellow Jackets' match against Bishop O'Dowd. Playing in Berkeley on Sept. 18, the Dragons defeated the Yellow Jackets 3-0.

from behind to tie the score at 14-14. The next two points, however, belonged to O'Dowd for a 1-0 games advantage.

Berkeley also boasted the early lead in game two by winning the first two points. O'Dowd, however, ran off the next five.

Berkeley came back to knot

the game, 5-5, but O'Dowd soon regained a lead it never relinquished.

After a five-point Dragons run, the Yellow Jackets stormed back to move within a point at 10-9. But Berkeley could get no closer. At 12-9, Berkeley managed to get a sideout, but quickly yielded its serve again. Perhaps

as a symbol of Berkeley frustration in this particular match, O'Dowd scored game point when the Yellow Jackets got called for a double hit violation.

From then on, play belonged almost exclusively to O'Dowd, which rattled off the first seven

See VOLLEYBALL, Page C2

Short-handed 'Jackets net loss

With several players observing Rosh Hashanah, Berkeley loses to powerhouse Scots

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

PIEDMONT — Beginning a busy stretch that will see them play seven matches on nine days, the Piedmont girls' tennis team started off on a positive note, defeating the Berkeley squad, 5-2, Tuesday at the Piedmont courts.

On this day Berkeley found itself down 2-0 before a ball was hit. Several of the Yellow Jacket players were absent due

to a religious holiday (Rosh Hashanah) and the team was unable to play the number two and three doubles, thus defaulting both matches.

Berkeley coach Dan Seguin, however, is optimistic about his squad. To him, as with many other youth coaches, it's all about commitment—i.e. attendance.

"If I can get everybody out (to practice) we'll be fine—we're getting there," he said.

For the second match in a row, the Highlanders were on the short end of the first two singles matches. In the top match, Berkeley sophomore Megan Sweeney bested Piedmont's Kara Rothenberg in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Sweeney, recently ranked as high as 13th in the Northern California under 14's, dominated from the outset. A powerful hitter with an uncanny ability to hit perfectly placed deep corner winners from her own baseline, she had Rothenberg on the run on

See TENNIS, Page C2

St. Mary's makes a point

Gauchos a PAT shy of Panthers; Cougars lose

By Joe Stiglich
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — St. Mary's High School running back Trestin George was wearing a big smile after Saturday's 28-27 win over rival El Cerrito.

That smile may not have been there if not for a routine extra point attempt for El Cerrito that turned out to be not so routine after all.

Gauchos holder Greg Murray mis-handled the snap from center on a PAT attempt that would have tied the game at 28 with 3:12 left in the fourth quarter. The play came moments after Jamonte Cox barreled into the end zone from three yards out and had El Cerrito on the verge of erasing a 14-point second-half deficit.

The Panthers held on to the narrow lead and gave new head coach Jay Lawson his first victory on the St. Mary's sidelines. "It feels good, real good, to come out and execute in this game," said George, who scored three touchdowns and had plenty of holes to run through courtesy of his offensive line.

The Panthers were intent on getting George into a groove a week after he was held to 59

yards on just 11 carries in a loss to Bishop O'Dowd last week. It was a different story Saturday, as George carried 24 times for a game-high 161 yards.

All of George's touchdowns came in the first half, as St. Mary's opened up a 28-14 halftime lead.

George got the Panthers on the board when he took a pitch and raced 71 yards to tie the game 7-7 in the first quarter. Early in the second, he turned a screen pass into a 28-yard touchdown.

His third score came on a 10-yard run with 5:34 left before halftime, where he spun away from one tackler at the line of scrimmage and found a hole when it seemed none existed. That touchdown put St. Mary's (1-1) up 21-7.

"It felt good to get the ball, see the hole and just hit it," George said.

He also returned the opening kickoff 89 yards for a score, only to have it called back by a clipping penalty.

But the Panthers got big plays from others as well. After El Cerrito cut the lead to 21-14 late in the second quarter, St. Mary's Courtney Brown returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards down the left sideline for a score. It was the second consecutive week that Brown returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

El Cerrito (0-2) got a bad break in the second quarter when Cox fumbled at the St. Mary's 1-yard line as he was about to cross the goal line with El Cerrito down 14-7. Jonathon Tarranto recovered the ball in the end zone for the Panthers.

The hard-nosed Cox led El Cerrito with 81 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns, including two in the second half that brought the Gauchos to within a point.

"It was a tough loss," El Cerrito coach Frank Milo said. "They played a good football game, but we gave the long, easy (touchdowns) up in the first half."

Healdsburg 41, Albany 19

ALBANY — Unable to protect an early 13-point lead, Albany lost control and allowed Healdsburg to waltz to a solid victory.

The game was tied at 13 to start the second half, but Healdsburg, employing a no-huddle offense, took the lead for good on a nine-play drive capped off by John Lickey's 4-yard plunge into the end zone.

Lickey added another touchdown late in the third to seal it. On first-and-10 at the Greyhounds 6, Lickey ranged to his right on a sweep, eluded several would-be tacklers and turned the corner on a 94-yard scamper down the right sideline to push the lead to 27-13.

The lead would eventually balloon to 41-13 on a pair of touchdown runs by Adam Meese in the fourth. His first came on a 3-yard dive and then on a 16-yard sprint up the middle.

Albany finally managed to score its only points of the second half on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Harold Lueders to Zane Gamal with 1:24 left to play.

Orlando Molina contributed to this roundup.

Colts run past Yellow Jackets

Pinkston tosses TD pass in loss

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

James Logan continued to use its preference for the big play Friday night as the third-ranked Colts ran over winless Berkeley 42-6 at Berkeley High.

The Colts (2-0) had three scoring plays over 60 yards in their opening 19-7 victory against Pittsburg and had four of over 40 yards against the Yellow Jackets (0-2).

Both teams stood for a moment of silence before the opening kickoff and the Yellow Jackets' defensive secondary remained motionless as James Logan quarterback Brandon Ting hit brother Ryan Ting with a 62-yard touchdown pass on the Colts' second play from scrimmage. B. threw to R. for a two-point conversion.

Five plays later, Berkeley fumbled on its own 5-yard line and Ryan Ting recovered. One play later, Johnathan Ugay ran five yards for another Logan touchdown with 7:46 left in the quarter.

One play after the kickoff, Berkeley lost a fumble on its own 48 and the Colts were in business again. This time it took the Colts three plays to score, with Ugay running the final 43 yards for a 22-0 lead. Ugay, who was subbing for injured starter Patrick Vargas, then ran in the two-point

conversion.

The only offensive consistency the Yellow Jackets showed all night came on the next series. Raymond Pinkston got his first big play of the game, hitting Gerny Baird with a short pass who turned it into a twisting, curving 32-yard gain to the Logan 34-yard line. Two plays (and a Logan penalty) later, Pinkston completed a 10-yard pass to Lee Franklin who was dragged down on the Colts' 9.

Logan was hit with a penalty for having too many men on the field that put the ball on the 5. Schooler plunged two yards to the 3 and then Pinkston bootlegged around left end for the score with 1:07 left in the quarter for 22-6.

James Logan answered right back, going 53 yards in 10 plays with Ryan Ting scooting eight yards for the touchdown to give the Colts a 27-6 lead that held up through the half. Pinkston had a 16-yard completion to Baird the next time Berkeley had the ball, but the drive died.

In the third quarter, Pinkston had completions of 14 yards to Jason Goodwin and 11 to Leonard Scarbrough (sandwiched around Baird's 11-yard run) but the drive ended at the Logan 22. On the next play Brandon Ting hit Ryan with a 78-yard touchdown pass as Ryan outran three defenders down the left sideline for 35-6.

With the Yellow Jackets' ground game stymied, Pinkston was forced to throw more than he wanted to. He had one more big completion, a 21-yarder to Goodwin, but again the drive

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RON SALSIG
Range Rat

Points of light in the darkness

Many times this past week I have wandered out to the golf course, never completed a round. I've had impressions of the unlikable, broadcast from New York, sent me away, to a place I am not familiar, nor familiar with.

One sure consequence of Tuesday morning, at least in my world, is that tournament will change. In a week's time the PGA Tour comes to the LPGA Tour comes to the Senior PGA Tour comes to Napa. This should be the best of times.

That security now will be tight. No celebrity is as posed as a golf pro, who is the fairways with the crowd. And no one knows that better than golf's most famous person.

Tiger Woods immediately headed events in England and France, and will not be going overseas in the foreseeable future. Just this week, the Times Magazine discovered a 200-page terrorist's guide, which included a section on assassinating some of the leading personalities of the West. Tiger Woods on the list.

"Tiger wants to spread the word all over the world, and I always want to," said his brother, Earl Woods. "But the Tigers have been astronomical. Increased. I tried to pre-empt him for what he encountered in the past, and he called it well. But this is different. The only way for him to see his vulnerability is to decrease his mobility."

The New Zealand trip in May is out. The defense of the World Cup with David Du- is out. He is a golfer to show up at the Dis- tournament in his own backyard and the Tour Championship in Houston, but that's not it.

At Earl's words, my heart is deeper. This is no time to

But then I heard a story, Jerry Berrow of Alameda County given a plaque by the county golf commission last Tuesday evening, for his win in junior golf. Berrow was war. He fought in Viet- Nam. This way out of the dark- ness to help kids play golf.

Berrow told the story in his acceptance speech.

He was in Ireland this summer. He missed his train from Cork to Cork. So he waited the next train to come, and boarded it. Sitting was the aisle from him was a young boy named Cormac. Berrow struck up a conversation with the lad.

He was very bright, talked Berrow said. "We talked three hours."

Of course, Berrow wanted to induce him to the game of golf. But the mother told Berrow this would not be possible. Cormac suffered from dyslexia, an illness related to coordination. In fact, the lad was abused and bullied in school, and the mother had to pull him from school. The lad had no

But I saw how he put his hands together and I thought enough instruction he would learn how to hit a golf ball," Berrow said.

When he got home, Berrow had an expert at Stanford. He sent volumes of research on dyslexia. He saw there was hope. None of the research showed Cormac didn't play golf. It all depended on the tutor.

He called Ireland to see if

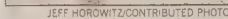
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LES WHITE'S TENNIS TIPS

Here's the point

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

"I'm in the middle of a lot of heavy training, so I'm running



Horowitz experienced soreness last weekend, the product

STAFF REPORT

Bay Oaks took a two-goal lead about 15 minutes later.

Overall, the Blasters improved to 8-0-1 for the season.

FROM PAGE C1

Perhaps the Yellow Jackets had a poor match. And most likely, they will improve as the season progresses. Maybe they'll even meet O'Dowd again in the NCS playoffs. Most likely, though, the weak level of competition in the ACCAL will

Horowitz had plenty to think about, as she has two cousins living in Manhattan (where the World Trade Center once stood). "That morning (Sept. 11), we were worried about them," she said. "But they are fine."

Albany 3, Monte Vista 1

Albany (2-0) trailed 6-0 at one point in the first game. From that point on, the Cougars had little trouble.

Chase Bryson contributed to this report.

Receiving: E - Cannon 4-56, Cox 3-57, Shabos 2-30
 S - Moore 3-51, George 1-28
 Records: D - Carlo 0-2, St. Mary's 1-1

Healdsburg 41, Albany 19

Healdsburg	13	18	14	41
Albany	13	8	19	

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 H - Messa 18 run (Dunn kick)
 A - Gamm 9 pass from Luaders (nick failed)

	H	A
First downs	10	10
Rushing yards	35-22	30-14
Passing	7-10-0	11-26-1
Passing yards	4	280
Total offense	11	290
Fumbles/lost	3/3	1/1

Albany - John Lickety 9-45, Kuchas 6-50, Messa 1-1
 Receiving: H - Cannon 4-56, Parish 3-13, Valera 2-28, Thomas 1-1, George 1-21, A - Estis 1-44, Ball 5-28, Luaders 5-24, Griffin 1-8, Kohnen 1-5, Luaders 1-1, Quinn 2-4
 Punting: H - Cannon 4-56, A - Luaders 1-4
 25-11 Tied

Receiving: H - Nebel, Thomas 3-24, McCormick 2-11, George 1-11, Kohnen 1-11, Parish 1-21, Phelps 1-11, Estis 1-11, Gamm 1-11, Gamm 1-11, 1-3

Records Healdsburg - 11, Albany 1-1.

JAMES LOGAN 42, Berkeley 6

James Logan	21	7	14	0	- 42
Berkeley	0	0	0	0	- 6

B. TING — R. Ting 62 passes from B. Ting (R. Ting pass from B. Ting)

- U — Ugly 5 m run (tallied)
- U — Ugly 43 run (Uguy run)
- B — Pinkston 3 run (pass failed)
- R — Rung 5 m run (pass failed)
- U — R. Ting 2 run (pass failed)
- U — R. Ting 78 pass from B. Ting (Bum kick)
- U — Roy 49 run (bum kick)

	T	R
First downs	12	12
Rushing yards	180	62
Passing	3-0	12-26-0
Passing yards	154	120
Total offense	334	172
Fumbles/lost	2-0	4-3

individual statistics

Receiving: J. Roy 5-83, Ugly 9-73, B. Ting 5-1, R. Ting 3-17, Schoor 4-44, Sanchez 2-8 — B. Pinkston 7-T, Schoor 6-11, Goodwin 1-(-18), Baird 2-21, Mason 1-17, Hoyle 4-24

25-0-120 — B. Ting 4-9-0-154, B. — Pinkston 12-0-0-0

Running: J. — R. Ting 3-147, Bum 1-8 — Young 1-6, Scarborough 1-11, Goodwin 2-35, Schooler 2-17, Baird 1-18, Hoyle 1-18, Sanchez 1-18

Records: James Logan, Berkeley 42, Berkeley 6

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"It happened so fast — I didn't know what to do," Frizzell said to coach Deanna Lee before the third set. Lee took her aside during the break and told her to slow it down.

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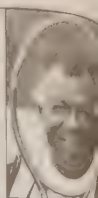
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FROM PAGE C1

The first lesson, young O'Brien could not put the tee in the ground or the ball on the tee. He never hit the ball, a bunch of whiffs.

FROM PAGE C1

Pinkston was the offensive bright spot for Berkeley, completing 12 of 29 passes for 127 yards. Berkeley only gained 5 yards rushing and had those two big turnovers in the first quarter.

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Arts

'L.I.E.' is honestly disturbing

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

For most people, a movie about a suburban youth so unsettled by life's turmoil that he turns to a middle-aged pedophile for comfort will likely be an instant turnoff.

But "L.I.E.," the feature debut of a commercial director named Michael Cuesta, is a much more worthy enterprise than a sketch of the plot would indicate. It's disturbing, to say the least, but it also has a curious appeal. If John Cheever had been born in 1975, he might have written a story like this one.

Howie (Paul Franklin Dano) is a 15-year-old who recently lost his mother in a car crash on the Long Island Expressway (the L.I.E. of the title). He's living with his father, Marty, a construction boss distracted from his parental duties by his bimbo girlfriend and an FBI investigation into his shady business dealings. The neglected Howie has fallen in with a bad crowd of boys, including the magnetic Gary (Billy Kay), for whom Howie feels a confus-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "L.I.E."
■ **STARRING:** Brian Cox, Paul Franklin Dano, Billy Kay, Bruce Altman
■ **RATING:** NC-17
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 37 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at the Bridge in S.F., the Act in Berkeley, Oakland's Jack London and the Rafael Film Center in San Rafael
■ **GRADE:** B

ing sexual attraction. It's Gary who talks Howie into robbing the home of a pedophile named Big John Harrigan (Brian Cox), setting the plot into motion.

The film is being released with an NC-17 rating, which seems to have been earned for the subject matter alone rather than anything depicted on-screen. Howie's father is shown having sex with his girlfriend, from a distance, in much the same crude manner as you might see on cable, but there's no sex



BILLY KAY and Paul Franklin Dano play troubled boys in "L.I.E."

shown between male characters. The closest we get is a hand on a knee and a tentative embrace.

The two young men who play Howie and Gary are both outstanding. As Gary, Billy Kay has a more obvious star power: He's a pretty boy with an edge that's both dangerously seductive and kindly. When he reassures the in-

secure Howie about his attractiveness, his affection is sincere, even though we know he'd still throw his buddy to the wolves to save himself.

Initially, Paul Franklin Dano stands in Kay's shadow as Howie, but he grows on us until we're as

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A 'Twelfth Night' to remember

■ Acting, directing and set design makes this Cal Shakes play a hit

By Pat Craig
STAFF WRITER

California Shakespeare Festival's season-closing production of "Twelfth Night" is about as traditional as an orange plaid tuxedo, but considerably more stylish.

Artistic director Jonathan Moscone, who directed the show, blew out the stylistic walls to present a fresh and exciting vision of the Shakespeare comedy that appears to draw inspiration from all over the place — from the Three Stooges to "Flying Down to Rio," and those other three-

THEATER REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** California Shakespeare Festival's production of "Twelfth Night"
■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 7;
■ **WHERE:** Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre, Orinda
■ **HOW MUCH:** \$22-\$41
■ **CONTACT:** 510-548-9666, www.calshakes.org

martini, black-and-white movies from the '30s. It is a breathless and breathtaking three hours that seem to fly by in a haze of wildly inventive

theatrical excess that has rain rattling down onto the set, and, on opening night, genuine Bay Area fog doing its little cat-feet creeping in right on cue to the music.

The show opened Saturday night at the end of a nerve-shattering week that had rubbed emotion raw and sent a horrific chill through the country. It was a night when laughter was desperately needed by the near-sell-out crowd, and the performers delivered.

"Twelfth Night" is a funny play, anyway — when you have the likes of Sir Toby Belch (Brian Keith Russell), whose surname describes him, some gender mix-and-match and a love triangle with at least one player dressed in the wrong uniform, you already have the

makings of an excellent night of comedy.

Add to it a fanciful set, a trio of musicians who waft from classical to jazz seemingly without effort and a cast of characters who seem to have tumbled from a silver cocktail shaker, and you get a delicious, mind-bending treat.

Arriving at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre, you are greeted with a set that is covered by billowing white tarps. An enormous picture frame is draped with a tarp, four enormous cone-shaped objects are covered, and the floor ripples with a gigantic icy-looking expanse of cloth.

As the lights fade, the sheet flies off the picture frame to re-

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JORGE RUBIO, left, and Kim Jiang star in Transparent Theater's production of "Swanwhite."

World premiere at new venue in Berkeley

■ Transparent Theater stages new translation of 'Swanwhite'

Swedish dramatist August Strindberg is not among the your usual names in the stable of playwrights on the community theater circuit where old war-horses routinely run. Even rarer is the chance to see such a seldom-produced play as "Swanwhite," opening tomorrow night.

And to stretch the rarity even further, this production — a world premiere of a new translation — is the inaugural offering of a new company, Transparent Theater, in a new



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

venue, a 99-seat house in an unused church at 1901 Ashby Ave., at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley.

You would be hard pressed to rack up more dramatic "firsts" than that in a single weekend.

"Swanwhite," written 100 years ago, marks a major leap for Strindberg. The sudden

turns and shifting imagery anticipate "A Dream Play," written later in the same year (1901). The later, better known, play helped launch German expressionism, which, in turn, anticipated such modern works as Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

With a multicultural cast of seven and a strange, fairy-like setting, "Swanwhite" puts the experience of love to a series of tests to find out whether anything of value lies in it.

Tom Clyde, Transparent Theater's artistic director, is directing this inaugural production. Other principals in Berkeley's newest theatrical enterprise are Coley Lally,

managing director, and Victoria Evans, production coordinator. "Swanwhite" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 21. Tickets for the week-nights are \$20. The Sunday night performances are pay-what-you-can. Call 510-883-0305.

"APPROACH" RETURNS: Shotgun Players, fresh from its rightly praised "Winesburg, Ohio," co-production with Word for Word, is hardly pausing to catch its collective breath. The energetic company is continuing its 2001 season with Susan Wiegand's original

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EVENTS

General

Berkeley Farmers' Market — ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce, baked goods and flowers. The two markets operate rain or shine.
Tuesday Market, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.
Saturday Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way.
Free. Berkeley. (510) 548-3333.

West Berkeley Market — through Oct. 28. Vendors offer Thai and Indian food, produce, flowers, clothing, sculpture, jewelry, soap and more.
Free. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. University Avenue between Third and Fourth, Berkeley. (510) 654-6346 or www.westberkeley.com

Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market — ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce and baked goods.
Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM.

Jack London Square Farmers Market — ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more.
Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

Oakland Public Library — WEST AUDITORIUM — Local author/historian Robert Stinnett will discuss his recent book, "Day of Deceit: The Truth about FDR and Pearl Harbor," Sept. 22, 2 p.m.
Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222
DIMOND BRANCH — "Teen Aviation Workshop," Sept. 25, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Build a model airplane and test flying skills. Free but advance registration required. "Internet Workshops," Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844.
WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Contra Costa County Library — KENSINGTON BRANCH — "Hotie, The Magic Guy," Sept. 25, 7 p.m. A magic show and standup comedy routine. For all ages. 61 Arlington Ave. (510) 524-3043.

Cody's Bookstores — "Walter: The Giant Storyteller," Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m. With Walter Mayes, children's literature advocate and book performer. For children ages 4 to 9.

Theodore Roszak, Sept. 24. The author discusses the revised edition of his book "Longevity Revolution: As Boomers Become Elders." Nancy London, Sept. 25. The author discusses her new book "Hot Flashes, Warm Bottles: First-Time Mothers Over Forty." At 1730 Fourth St.

Ken Crosswell, Sept. 25. The author discusses "The Universe at Midnight: New Discoveries Illuminate the Hidden Cosmos" with a slide show presentation.

Bill Ayers, Sept. 27. The author will discuss his memoir "Fugitive Days."

SPECIAL EVENT — "Community Forum on Race and Achievement" Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. A celebration of the paperback edition of Meredith Maran's book "Class Dismissed." At the Little Theater, Berkeley High School. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Marcus Book Store — Monique Morris, Sept. 21. The author discusses her novel "Too Beautiful for Words."

Stephanie Stokes Oliver, Sept. 22. The author shares "Seven Soulful Secrets."

Michael Eric Dyson, Sept. 27. The author will discuss "Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur."

Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.
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Trying to make sense of it all

The New York Times' chief diplomatic correspondent, Thomas Friedman, has probably made as much — or more — sense of what caused last week's wave of terrorist attacks as anyone in the media. He also believes, as I do, that we have to respond with overwhelming military force, but do it right. Anger and raw power aren't enough; we have to use our heads here.

To give background and context, Friedman, in a column last week filed from Jerusalem, called CBS Middle East anchor Stephen Cohen's observation that Abraham Lincoln had sided of the Confederacy, "Remember, they pray to the same God we do." Cohen added: "The same is true of many, many Muslims. We must fight these among them who pray to the God of Hate, but we do not have to go to war with Islam, with all the millions of Muslims who pray to the God we do."

Friedman: "The terrorists who hit the U.S. are people who pray to the God of Hate. Their terrorism is not aimed at winning any specific U.S. policy. They made no demands last week. Their terrorism is driven by pure hatred and nihilism, and its targets are the institutions that undergird America's way of life, from our markets to our military."

So, could we please lay off all this garbage about the U.S. foreign policy? We've been hearing this week from some clueless quarters that we are dealing with, as Friedman — long one of the responsible Middle East analysts — puts it, is pure hate.

We are also culpable as individuals and as a nation for being shocked by these barbarous attacks. As the Chronicle's Sam Carman noted in a well-written piece last week, Americans, though a caring and courageous people, are also amazingly indifferent to the rest of the world. I never realized how much this is true until I lived outside this country.

This extends to our next-door neighbor, Canada. I knew very little about our country until I lived up there. But ignorance, I have just learned painfully, is not always bliss.

Did you know, for example, that Canada still allows charitable deductions to terrorist organizations? You probably didn't. Canadian friends tell me that it probably change now, as it could.

Also, were you even aware of the province of Quebec, almost unbelievably, controls all its own immigration? Yes, it's just like Tennessee controlling its own immigrants, but true. Ottawa, as a concession to the bullies in the province's separatist government, allowed this ridiculous policy to become law over a decade ago.

And why does that matter to us as Americans, even if we didn't know about it? It's another example of how we were talking about being — how ignorance of other countries isn't bliss.

Because virtually anyone who can speak French has an allowed into Quebec the last 10 years. This includes very angry young men from Algeria, Libya and Morocco. I've seen them while visiting in Quebec. Some are convicted criminals who never had background checks done to get into Quebec's inept immigration officials.

You heard it here first: Don't be surprised to hear in the future that Quebec has been used as a staging area for terrorists, as my former Montreal journalistic colleagues tell me. Remember bin Laden's terrorist number who was arrested in Port Angeles, Wash., last year? Yep, he got into Canada from Quebec.

The point here is that all

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, September 21.

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Act 1 & II

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● L.I.E. (NC-17) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
● Brave New Girlz (PG-13) 6:30, 8:50,
● The Deep End (R) 6:45, 9:00.

California Theatres

2113 Kitehawk Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
● Apocalypse Now Redux (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:45,
● Rat Race (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30,
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:00,
7:00, 9:00

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● America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:25,
The Adrenal (PG-13) 3:10, 7:15
● American Pie 2 (R) 2:25
● The Glass House (PG-13) noon, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30,
4:40, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00
● Glitter (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20,
Hardball (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:45, 2:40, 5:15,
3:40, 5:45, 6:50, 9:00, 9:15, 10:15
● Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 7:55
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 1:25, 3:35, 5:50, 8:10,
10:35
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30,
9:55
● The Others (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:25,
9:55
● The Princess Diaries (G) 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:05,
9:30
● Rat Race (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 5:00, 7:10, 9:10,
10:10
● Rock Star (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:50,
6:00, 8:05, 10:10
● Soul Survivors (PG-13) 1:30, 10:00
● The Untouchables (PG-13) 12:30, 5:30, 7:40
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 12:30, 1:35, 2:40,
3:45, 4:50, 5:55, 7:20, 8:00, 9:35, 10:25

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● America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 1:00, 5:10, 9:15
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10:00
● The Animal (PG-13) 3:10, 7:20
● The Glass House (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:55,
2:25, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, midnight
● Glitter (PG-13) 12:40, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
● Hardball (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:15, 8:15,
4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:40, 10:50
● Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 7:55
● Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R) 12:45, 3:10,
5:30, 8:05, 10:45
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10,
9:25, 11:55
● Lethal Weapon III (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:35,
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● Legally Blonde (PG-13) 12:30, 2:35, 5:00, 7:10,
9:30, 11:40
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 2:00,
3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 6:55, 8:10, 9:30, 10:40, 11:50,
O (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20, 11:45,
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● Planet of the Apes (PG-13) noon, 2:50, 5:05,
7:20, 10:20
● The Princess Diaries (G) 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 4:55,
7:30, 10:10
● Rat Race (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
● Rock Star (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 9:55
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 12:55, 2:00,
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● Shrek (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50,
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● Tortilla Soup (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:20,
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Chabot Cinema

2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 3:15, 7:45
● The Others (PG-13) 3:00, 5:30, 9:45

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome *

10000 Skyway Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
● The Living Sea (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
● The Mysteries of Egypt (NR) 1:00
● To Be an Astronaut (NR) 10:30 a.m.

Elmwood Theatre 3

2956 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
● Adventures of Felix (Drolo de Felix) (NR) 7:15
● Himalaya: L'Enfance d'un Chef (G) 7:00
● Lumbumba (NR) 4:45, 5:20
● Mouth Ropes (PG-13) 4:30, 9:00
● Songcatcher (PG-13) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 846-1143
● Caddyshack (R) 8:45
● Cane Toads: An Unnatural History (R) 7:30.

Grand Lake Theatre

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
● Apocalypse Now Redux (R) 2:30, 7:00
● Glitter (PG-13) noon, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
● The Others (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:35, 9:45,
Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40,
Shrek (PG-13) 12:15

Jack London Cinema *

101 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
● The Glass House (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:50,
7:15, 9:30
● Glitter (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:20,
10:00
● Hardball (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00,
9:45
● Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 7:35
● L.I.E. (NC-17) 12:40, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25
● The Musketeer (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45,
10:10
● Rat Race (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:25,
10:15
● Rock Star (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 10:20
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05,
10:30
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:30,
3:50, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
● Bubble Boy (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:30
● Captain Correll's Mandolin (R) 7:00, 9:45
● Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R) noon, 2:40,
5:10, 7:50, 10:10
● Jurassic Park III (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:00,
7:00, 9:20
● O (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40,
● The Others (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 7:20,
10:00
● Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:40,
4:40, 7:40, 10:10
● The Princess Diaries (G) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45,
7:20, 9:50
● Rock Star (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:50,
4:20, 7:10, 9:30

NAZ 8 *

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 787-2000
● Apocalypse Now Redux (R) 5:00, 8:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00
● Dii Chahis Hal (NR) 9:00
● Kyo Ki... Main Jutsu Nihon Boku (NR) 5:00, 7:00,
9:00, 11:00
● L.I.E. (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● Nayak (NR) 5:00

Oaks Theater *

1675 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
● The Curse of the Jade Scorpion (PG-13) 7:15
● Glitter (PG-13) 7:30, 9:15
● Easy Beatz (R) 9:30

Piedmont Theatre

4193 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
● The Curse of the Jade Scorpion (PG-13) 12:45,
3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
● The Deep End (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30,
● John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars (R) 1:50, 4:20,
6:50, 9:20

Shattuck Cinemas *

2231 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
● American Pie 2 (R) 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10,
● The Close (La Placard) (R) 1:20, 3:25, 5:25,
7:25, 9:25
● The Cure (PG-13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45,
● Hailu Tunnel (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30
● Hardball (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
● Hedwig and the Angry Inch (R) 1:50, 4:05, 7:15,
9:35

● The Iron Ladies (NR) 9:00
● The Lady of the Assassins (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05,
9:40
● Rock Star (R) 1:45, 4:10, 10:00
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 1:40, 3:55, 6:45,
● Together (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
● The Glass House (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 5:05,
7:45, 10:10
● Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R) 11:30 a.m.,
2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:15,
7:45, 10:10
● O (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05
● The Others (PG-13) noon, 2:45, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50
● The Princess Diaries (G) 11:45 a.m., 2:35, 5:10,
7:50, 10:25
● Tortilla Soup (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10,
10:55

UA Emerybay 10 *

8300 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107
● The Glass House (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 5:10,
7:50, 10:30, 12:30 a.m.
● Glitter (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45,
12:15 a.m.
● Hardball (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:30,
10:15, 12:30 a.m.
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15,
10:45, 12:30 a.m.
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:40,
7:20, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.
● The Others (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:00,
10:40
● Rat Race (PG-13) noon, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
● Rock Star (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:30,
7:15, 9:50 a.m.
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50,
5:20, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

UA Hayward 6 *

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
● The Glass House (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:10, 4:30,
7:00, 9:30
● Glitter (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
● Hardball (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 12:20, 4:50, 10:00
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 2:30, 7:30
● Rat Race (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10,
10:40
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 1:45, 5:45, 8:45, 8:00,
10:15
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50,
5:20, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

Central Contra Costa

Orinda Theater *

4 Cross Street Square, Orinda 256-0050
● The Others (PG-13) 7:15, 9:40
● The Princess Diaries (G) 6:30, 9:30
● Songcatcher (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30

Park Theater

1931 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● The Close (La Placard) (R) 7:00, 9:00

Rheem All-Stadium 4 *

3531 Post Street, Mountain View 950-3411
● Captain Correll's Mandolin (R) 4:20, 9:30
● Moulou Rouge (PG-13) 7:00
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
● Rock Star (R) 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
● Rock Star (R) 7:20, 9:40
● Shrek (PG-13) 5:15

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 922-4400
● America's Sweethearts (PG-13) 5:05, 9:55
● American Pie 2 (R) 1:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
● Atomic Lullaby (PG-13) 1:05, 2:40, 8:00
● Captain Correll's Mandolin (R) 1:40, 4:45,
7:35
● The Curse of the Jade Scorpion (PG-13) 1:35,
7:35
● Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 7:00
● Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R) 2:15, 4:55,
7:25, 10:05
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 1:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:10
● Legally Blonde (PG-14) 4:20, 7:00, 9:15
● The Musketeer (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30,
10:00
● The Others (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15,
10:45
● Pearl Harbor (PG-13) 8:30
● Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
● Rat Race (PG-13) 11:40, 7:15, 9:50
● Rock Star (R) 11:40, 4:30, 9:30
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10,
9:20
● Shrek (PG-13) 12:05, 2:20
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30,
8:00, 10:15

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 922-4400
● The Glass House (PG-13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
● Glitter (PG-13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
● Hardball (PG-13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30,
7:30, 10:10
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 2:20, 5:20, 8:15, 10:50
● The Princess Diaries (G) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
● Rat Race (PG-13) 2:10, 5:05, 7:55, 10:40
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 2:20, 5:30, 8:05,
10:20
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15,
10:45
● Pearl Harbor (PG-13) 8:30
● Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
● Rat Race (PG-13) 11:40, 7:15, 9:50
● Rock Star (R) 11:40, 4:30, 9:30
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10,
9:20
● Shrek (PG-13) 12:05, 2:20
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30,
8:00, 10:15

Bridge

3010 Grand Avenue, San Francisco 352-0810
● L.I.E. (NC-17) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Streets, San Francisco 621-6120
● Band of Outsiders (1984) (NR) 7:00, 9:20

Clay

2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 352-0810
● Together (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 352-0810
● Bread and Tulips (PG-13) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20,
10:00
● The Close (La Placard) (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:10,
9:40
● The Deep End (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
● Hailu Tunnel (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
● Hedwig and the Angry Inch (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:40,
10:15
● Lumiere

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 352-0810
● Cure (Kyu) (NR) noon, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
● A Matter of Taste (Une affaire de goût) 12:30,
2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
● Our Lady of the Assassins (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:05,
7:30, 9:55

Opera Plaza Cinemas

631 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 352-0810
● The Anniversary Party (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
● The Iron Ladies (NR) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
● Made (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45
● Sexy Beatz (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50

Red Vic

1727 Haight Street, San Francisco 688-3994
● The Source (NR) 7:15, 9:15

Roxie

3117 16th Street, San Francisco 863-1087
● Session 9 (R) 7:00, 9:15

Loews Theatre at Metreon

101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 369-5200
● American Pie 2 (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:20,
11:10
● The Glass House (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
● Glitter (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5:15, 8:05,
10:50
● Hardball (PG-13) noon, 1:00, 2:40, 3:40, 5:20,
6:20, 8:00, 9:00, 10:40, 11:40
● Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 7:00
● Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R) 12:15, 3:00,
5:40, 8:10, 10:50
● Jeopards Creepers (R) 12:20, 3:10, 6:00, 8:30,
11:00
● The Musketeer (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10,
7:50, 10:30
● O (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
● The Others (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
● Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 8:30,
9:30
● Rat Race (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
● Rock Star (R) 1:10, 4:00, 10:00
● Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10,
11:30
● Two Can Play That Game (R) 12:40, 3:20, 6:10,
8:50, 11:20

Loews IMAX Theatre at Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco 369-5200
● Apocalypse Now Redux (R) 8:30
● Cirque Du Soleil - Journey of Man (G) 1:40, 5:40,
9:20
● Dolphins (NR) 12:00, 7:00

NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Robert W. Butler and Desmond Ryan, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Matt Crenson, David Germain, Chris Gygley, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Rittler, Bob Thomas and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan and Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Mark Caro and Robert K. Elder, Chicago Tribune; Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand and Tom Sims, Chris Vognar and Philip Wurtz, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post.

"THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY": An astute, sharp-witted movie about relationships, aspirations and insecurity that's nearly great. Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Alan Cumming co-wrote, co-directed and co-star in a story about a famous actress named Sally and writer/director Joe, a Hollywood couple who've recently reunited after a breakup. They invite all of their friends and a couple of enemies to celebrate with them. The acting is strong across the board, but the rarely seen Phoebe Cates is outstanding as Sally's best friend, an actress who gets it all up to be with her children. Unfortunately, Leigh and Cumming bail on the plot at the end, and there are two jarring revelations, one completely unbelievable, that deflate the movie's power. — M. Pols. (R; language, drug use and nudity) 1 hour, 55 minutes. A-

"BREAD AND TULIPS": This amiable new comedy suggests that an older, better life of imagination, rationality and civility survives on the fringes of a modern nation obsessed with consumerism, empty prosperity and easy pleasure. That city, this film says, is Venice, and it's the location where an unhappy housewife (Licia Maglietta) blossoms, and meets a melancholy painter. Maglietta is quite good, but the film seems a little too sentimental and pat for its own good. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13; a few sexual situations) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C+

"CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN": The beautiful setting — a Greek island — and a fascinating historical basis are the two best things about this film adaptation of a beloved novel. Set during the Italian occupation of Cephalonia during World War II, the dreadfully cast film stars Nicolas Cage as a captain of a Pelagia (Penelope Cruz), the bratty daughter of a local doctor (John Hurt). Complications surface since Pelagia is engaged to a boorish fisherman (Christian Bale). The biggest problem with this bland film is the lack of chemistry between Cruz and Cage. — M. Pols. (R; some violence, sexuality and language.) 2 hours, 7 minutes C

"THE CLOSEST": Sad sack Francois Pignon (Daniel Auteuil) is about to get fired from his job at the condom factory, until his neighbor comes up with an ingenious plan to save his job. All Pignon has to do is pretend to be homosexual and his employers wouldn't be able to fire him without appearing discriminatory. Yet as soon as his co-workers think he's gay, a drab little man turns into something exciting and new. A smart comedy of errors, with many good laughs. Gerard Depardieu co-stars as a gay-bashing soccer coach forced into sensitivity. In French with subtitles. — M. Pols. (R; sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

"THE DEEP END": A tidy story of polish and sophistication, this tense thriller about a mother (Tilda Swinton) who protects her son from murder charges thrives on Swinton, whose slender, finely drawn features can hold a position like a statue. Bay Area filmmakers Scott McGehee and David Siegel give the film an eerie calm, making "The Deep End" both fastidious and smart. There are some surprises in the movie certain to make thriller fans rejoice. — E. Mitchell. (R; strong sexual content, violence) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B+

"THE GLASS HOUSE":

"Othello." It's like watching "Damon's Creek" players take on the role of "Othello." (R: violence, a lot of strong sexuality, language) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **C-**

"THE OTHERS." Spanish director Alejandro Amenabar's first English-language feature is an old-fashioned horror-house story, with all the requisite jump scares and creepiness. The story is set in Jersey in 1945, and a woman is waiting for her husband to return from the war, with her two children and her dog. When a new servant for her husband arrives, she becomes convinced that he is a vampire. (R: violence, language) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B-**

"THE LADY OF THE ASSASSINS." A beautifully beautiful movie that's set in Colombia and follows a jadeed assassin (German Jaramila) as he falls in love with a young assassin (Andersson). Director Barbet

"PLANET OF THE APES." Director Tim Burton's version of Pierre Boulle's classic novel is unusually beautiful and smart with spooky visual qualities. If the movie needs to be remade — and it could argue it didn't — Burton, with his imagination, was the man for the job. Mark Wahlberg makes a sturdy baritone, Helena Bonham Carter a strong ape. Some of the exquisitely ugly creatures are unfortunately not as scary as they should be. (R: violence, language) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B-**

"THE PRINCESS DIARIES." G-rated princesses are a rarity these days, so perhaps we should be grateful for director Mary Marshall's cheery family comedy. A variation on the "Pretty Woman" story, with the charming Anne Hathaway in the Julia Roberts role. She's a teeny tiny duckling who discovers she's actually a princess from a small European country. Granny/Queen Julie Andrews administers the makeover, and Elton John sings snippets of wisdom. A vivid pleasure, but not better than you have kids. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B-**

"RACE." The funniest movie of the summer finally arrives! Taking it from the madcap movies of the '60s such as "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," this ensemble cast comedy is based slapstick at its best as a pair of colorful characters race to \$2 million in cash, stored in a

locker. The script is clever and the cast is great, including Whoopi Goldberg, Rowan Atkinson, Jon Lovitz and Cuba Gooding Jr. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual references, crude humor, partial nudity, language) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A-**

"ROCK STAR." Mark Wahlberg goes "Boogie Nights" (its Pittsburgh boy Chris Cole, portrayed comic machine repairman by fat, shaggy frontman for a "tribute" heavy metal band by night. Boated by linked bandmates for his zealotry, Cole gets to be the lead singer for his metal gods, Steel Dragon. Inspired by the true-life metamorphosis of Judas Priest singer Tim Owens, this '80s flashback is so predictable, you can guess the plot twists as easily as the words of a new song on a Top 40 radio station. It's an energetic fairy tale played for laughs before it takes its soft-core tour of the music world. Tune into VH1's "Behind the Music" for gristier stuff. The original music is grided with 21st-century sensibilities so as not to conflict with the '80s Top 40 modern-rock soundtrack. Look for rocker cameos, and stay for the outtakes. — V. Chan. (R: language, sexuality and some drug content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **B**

"RUSH HOUR 2." Peppy, unpretentious fun with a paper-thin plot. It's a rush job of a sequel. Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker are back, chasing bad guys through Hong Kong, L.A. and Las Vegas, cracking jokes all the way. Some of them fall flat, but there are still many good chuckles here. Chan, more comfortable with English now, is a gem, but director Brett Ratner blows the buzz by showing us a series of outtakes at the end that are far funnier than anything we've seen to date. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence, language and some sexual material.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **C+**

"THE SCORE." A smart, well-executed and satisfying thriller that just happens to feature acting legends from three generations. Robert De Niro, Edward Norton and, gasp, Marlon Brando. Director Frank Oz, typically a light-comedy guy, shows a sure hand in weaving a consistently suspenseful movie, despite the fact that the setup, the old one-fast-heist-before-retirement gag, is completely tired. Brando's role isn't much more than a cameo, and De Niro doesn't do anything new, but Norton steals all his scenes as a punk kid who joins forces with De Niro for the heist. Some may be bothered by the nearly languid pace in outlining the criminal's methods, but it's a relief after the wham-bam of most action movies. — M. Pols. (R: language) 2 hours, 1 minute. **B+**

"SEXY BEAST." First-time feature director Jonathan Glazer's zingy movie, about a retired mobster (Ray Winstone) whose terrifying former colleague (Ben Kingsley) wants him to do just one more job, is remarkable mostly for Kingsley's astonishing performance. Seeing Gandhi play someone as scary as any of Robert De Niro's darker characters is quite a charge. You start out thinking it's a parody, but by the end you're just as desperate as the retired mobster to be free of him. — M. Pols. (R: sexual encounters, extreme violence, language) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **B+**

"SHREK." An animated visual marvel, with all the beauty and realism of a Chris Van Allsburg children's book.

Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is an insecure ogre, who makes a deal with evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow) to procure him a bride. Accompanied by a hilarious donkey (Eddie Murphy at his best), Shrek goes to rescue Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) from a dragon-guarded tower on high, and unexpectedly finds love. Plenty of bathroom humor (perhaps too much) for the kids, with some clever, more sophisticated stuff for parents. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **B+**

"SOUL SURVIVORS." A sentimental story of little suspense and scant terror finds a young woman (Gwyneth Paltrow look-alike Melissa Sagemiller) besieged by visions about her boyfriend (Casey Affleck), who might have died in a car accident. A terrible car crash figures into the inaction as the plot characters go through the motions until the long-awaited conclusion. Skip it. — L. Van Gelder. (PG-13: language, necking, sinister characters, lots of blood and what appears to be a homicide in a pool.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **D**

"SUMMER CATCH." A predictable plot, cliché-studded dialogue and even a shirtless Freddie Prinze Jr. can't save this baseball romance. Prinze plays a doe-eyed left-hander with hopes of being tagged for the big leagues so he can escape his family's blue-collar tradition. He meets the obligatory rich girl and falls for her, much to the chagrin of her parents. Every tried formula is trotted out, making this a foul ball if ever there was one. — M. Ritter. (PG-13: sexual content, language and some drinking.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **D+**

"TOGETHER." A relaxed, intimate, wonderfully clear-eyed and altogether charming Swedish comedy of manners that deals with the accident-waiting-to-happen phenomenon known as communal living. The time and place is 1975 in Stockholm, and the eight adults who make up the commune and go through various problems are well-drawn and acted in this accomplished film from writer/director Lukas Moodysson. — K. Turan. (R: nudity/sexuality and language) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B**

"TORTILLA SOUP." Inspired by Ang Lee's "Eat Drink Man Woman," this film is set in L.A., where a widowed father and master chef (Hector Elizondo) is raising three daughters. As in Lee's film, most of the critical moments seem to occur in the kitchen or at the dinner table, and food is the center of life and culture. The cast, including Rachel Welch, Elizabeth Peña and Jacqueline Obradors, is affecting and convincing. But the real star of the movie is the food, which is certain to make you hungry. — T. Maurstad. (PG-13: language, sexual situations.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B**

"TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME." More of a commercial than an actual movie, this romantic comedy about a woman (Vivica A. Fox) who schemes to tame her man (Morris Chestnut) after he messes around takes product placement to a newfangled high (or is that low?). Granted, the characters are ad execs, but these promotions are so glaring, you almost forget how bad the actual movie is. There are few funny moments here in a story that's mostly repetitive and annoying. — C. Lemire. (R: language, including sexual dialogue.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

Night

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veal a painting of a stormy sea, where rain falls from above on a couple of shipwreck survivors, Viola (Stephanie Roth Haberle) and the Sea Captain who saved her (Chris Ayles). She is lamenting the loss of her brother, an identical twin, and vows to go into Illyria, the mysterious land where they have washed ashore, disguised as a man.

When they wander off toward town, the sheet covering the stage is slurped up like an errant strand of spaghetti, into an opening in the stage floor, and from a trap beneath the stage, Orsino, The Duke of Illyria, emerges, all bubbly, in a bathtub. And on it goes from there, with the huge comes offering surprises and snacks, and the tone of the show continuing down this zany and joyous path.

Tucker

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play "Approach." Two preview shows at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday usher in the opening on Saturday at the Eighth Street Studio Theatre, 2525 8th St., Berkeley.

Shotgun mounted two previous performances of "Approach" in harness with two other short pieces. Now it's going to get a run all its own.

This 75-minute, uninterrupted four-character piece examines the search for intimacy as our most precious form of survival. The play brings together Man, Woman, Boy, Girl — they have no other names in keeping with the archetypal approach to a universal quest — in a struggle we all undertake to blend personhood with partnership. It's all about our willingness to approach, hence the title.

Mann

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Americans have to start taking a lot more interest in what's going on in the rest of the world, lest we be shocked and/or damaged once again by the kind of hateful act Friedman and others have been warning about for months in the media. It is a smaller and smaller world all the time, and willful ignorance of it is now foolish. Not to know even the most basic facts about an English-speaking country right next door is appalling and proves my point: 92 percent of Americans in one recent survey by the Toronto Globe & Mail could not give the name of either Canada's capital or its prime minister.

"At a time when the United States is the sole superpower, Americans seem to know less about the world than at any other time since before World War II," writes the Chron's Carman, noting all the overseas bureaus closed by U.S. TV networks the past few years.

"Seen many substantive foreign stories on 'Dateline' or '20/20' lately?," he asks, adding, "Of course not. TV news is now driven by ratings, and foreign news is where ratings go to die. Much of the world hates the United States, and Americans tend to be blissfully ignorant about the rest of the world."

Carman is right, except that the "blissfully" part has changed. Carman: "One of the lessons of Tuesday's tragedy is that it's a bad combination. The oceans that separate us from most of the world are no longer the perfect defense against enemies, or excuses for indifference." He's correct.

So, it's well past time for Americans to start paying attention to the rest of the world. Friedman adds something we probably should have known — but many of us didn't: "The civil war within Islam, between the modernists and medievalists, has been going on for years, in places like Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Pakistan. We need to strengthen the good guys in this civil war. And that requires a social, political, and economic strategy as sophisticated, and generous, as our military one."

Look, I'm as mad as any of you about what happened in New York City. In fact, the one line I remember best from the tragedy of "911 Day" (a term I first heard from KQED's Michael Krasny) was no-nonsense Sen. John McCain's telling CBS this about the terrorists, "God may have mercy on them, but we won't." (Anyone else find themselves wishing McCain were president right now?)

But there's scant excuse for us being taken by surprise by this attack from this batch of well-trained and resourceful lu-

The gist here is that Orsino is in love with Olivia, a rich countess (Nancy Carlin), and when Viola, disguised as a man, arrives to serve him, she is charged with wooing the countess in Orsino's stead.

Naturally, Olivia finds herself developing deep feelings for this beardless young man, and Orsino is puzzled because he is also drawn to the dewy cheeked youth.

Then, Sir Toby, with his pals Fabian (Danny Scheie) and Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Patrick Kerr), decide they want to make trouble for Malvolio (Jonathan Haugen), Olivia's prissy servant. So they concoct a plan to have letters written to him that appear to have been penned by Olivia.

So by the time the second act is heating up, we have Malvolio crazy in love, Sir Toby, Fabian and Sir Andrew (who could easily be the Three Stooges in this show, for their wildly physical

and beautifully performed comic turns) are simply crazy, and Olivia, Orsino and Viola are just confused.

Then, Viola's twin brother, Sebastian (Chan Casey) turns up, and everything just gets more involved as it spins wickedly into a vortex of silliness.

The show fast becomes one of those productions that purists may have trouble with, but most will find toweringly funny and memorable as one of the best and most innovated productions by Cal Shakes in at least the past several years.

Moscone, playing for the home crowd, seemed to take great pains to create something that will have theatergoers talking for some time to come.

With this show, he has set the bar high for the festival, not only in terms of production values, but for acting, directing, set design and even music.

scheduled for 8 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Eighth Street Studio Theatre.

Tickets are \$8 for the two preview; \$20 for opening night, and \$15 general thereafter; \$10 for seniors, students and members of Theater Bay Area (TBA). Call 510-655-0813, or visit www.shotgunplayers.org.

PINOLEANS IN 'CAROUSEL' If you're going over the hills to catch Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, look for a couple of Pinole faces among the talented singers and dancers in the ensemble. Yes, that is indeed Lanie Hansen and Al Guaraglia. Al also shows up as the captain.

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natic hatemongers. As one Israeli friend, with a bit of self-satisfaction in his voice, told me last week, "Now you finally see what WE'VE been dealing with for years."

"These terrorists must be rooted out and destroyed," writes Friedman, adding, "But it must be done in a way that doesn't make us bin Laden's chief recruiter." These Muslim terrorists didn't just want to kill Americans, he says — they also want to "trigger the sort of massive retaliation that makes no distinction between them and other Muslims."

In other words, we have to be unrelenting militarily AND smart. Wise advice as we head into the uncertain weeks that lay ahead.

"To not retaliate ferociously for this attack on our people is only to invite a worse attack tomorrow and an endless war with terrorists," adds Friedman, whose perceptive 1999 book, "The Lexus and the Olive Tree" I heartily recommend as a primer on the new world order and economy.

"But," he reminds us, "to retaliate in such a way that doesn't distinguish between those who pray to a God of Hate and those who pray to the same God we do is to invite an endless war between civilizations."

Local media notes: Trying to turn a major national and international incident and story into a

local story is one of the most maddening traits of local TV news directors. As I switched from network to network trying to make sense of the heinous World Trade Center attack and trying to glean new information, repeatedly, KGO, KRON, KPX, and, to a lesser degree, KTVU, all broke into first-rate national programming and analysis to keep their reporters busy and let us know they were on the job. Perhaps the worst instance of all came when the four (and soon-to-be NBC affiliate Channel 11) carried all of S.F. Mayor Willie Brown's two pointless and largely self-serving press conferences.

How many times last week were you infuriated at having a local station break in on Peter Jennings and Tom Brokaw — just to tell you SFO was still closed? And why was so proportionately little reported about Oakland International? Any time, it seems, that Ron Wilson or his co-flocks at SFO call a press conference, local stations go live with it. It's ridiculous and reflects poor news judgment. (These press conferences can quickly be summarized, or put as a "crawl" across the bottom of the screen.) This historic story was taking place in New York and Washington, not here. Thank God for CNN at times like these when local TV news departments can't rein themselves in.

Events

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Chinatown. Sept. 26. This festival Asian Center is the fifth Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain and Webster Streets. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 29. Tour the Port of Oakland, the Jack London Square, a turn-of-the-century wharves produce district and see the shipyard. Meet at the corner of First Street and Broadway. (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Frank's Act 1 & 2 Theatre Midweek Movie Series — through Oct.

"The Big Lebowski," (1998). Joel and Ethan Cohen. Jeff Bridges is "The Dude," a hapless middle-aged slacker caught up in a case. Cohen Brothers face with

co-stars John Goodman, Steve Buscemi and Julianne Moore. Sept. 29: "Reservoir Dogs." (1992), by Quentin Tarantino. The story of a jewelry store heist gone bad. 2128 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 843-FILM or www.LandmarkTheatres.com

West Coast Live — Join the studio audience as Sedgwick Thomson hosts musical guests, authors and others for his live radio broadcast.

Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to noon: With Garrison Keillor, author of the new novel "Lake Wobegon Summer 1956" and host of the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," jazz singer Paula West and the surf guitarist of Plool Del Mar. Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon: With Nancy Milford, author of "Savage Beauty," the West Africa guitar stylings of The Nigerian Brothers, and blues root piano by Caroline Dahl. The Freight and Salvage, 111 Addison St., Berkeley. \$12. (415) 664-9500 or www.wcl.org

The 9th Annual "Festival Cine Latino" — closing Sept. 23. Featuring Latino cinema from the U.S. and Latin America. \$5 to \$7. Wheeler Auditorium in Berkeley and The Parkway Theatre

in Oakland. (415) 553-8140 or www.cineaccion.com

"Dancing the Dark" — Sept. 21, 8 p.m. A celebration of the Autumnal equinox with spiritual-political strategy by Caroline Casey, Joanna Macy and Wes (Scoop) Nisker and music by Stephen Kent.

\$12 to \$15. First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (510) 848-6767, ext. 609. (510) 548-2220 or www.kpfa.org

Pacific Film Archive — Sept. 21 and Sept. 22. Special guests in conjunction with this month's screenings.

Friday, 7 p.m.: Tom Gunning, author of "The Films of Fritz Lang: Allegories of Vision and Modernity," will give a lecture, followed by a screening of an alternate print of Lang's "Metropolis."

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.: Donald Richie, author of "The Donald Richie Reader: 50 Years of Writing on Japan," will read from his essays before a screening of Kon Ichikawa's "An Actor's Revenge." \$7. University of California Berkeley Art Museum, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-1412 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

L.I.E.

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ated by him as Big John is. Bear for him at the hands of John, but we also understand why he's there: why he's so angry, why he's so intelligent that's remarkable. Dano has an intensity that's a young River Phoenix. The poor kid even manages to overcome a major distortion: the makeup artists give him a pair of black eyes that seem to grow or recede within

John Cox has the burden of playing a character we're genetically programmed to loath, but with a retired Marine, operates within society. The cops in suburban town love him, unlike the teen-age boy living with him has been his sex partner for years. He picks up

boys at a rest stop on the expressway, in broad daylight, and drives a car with the ominous double-entendre plate "BJ," but no one seems to suspect he's up to no good.

Big John clearly operates out of some perversion of parental feeling, and Howie, so needy, responds to it. We see how these terrible attachments might form, which makes "L.I.E." a truly scary, and powerful, movie. "Are you trying to seduce me?" Big John asks Howie at one point, half-helpless, half-manipulative. Howie gives a secretive smile and shrug, and we see how Big John makes him feel good about himself. At the same time, we truly don't know what Big John's intentions are toward Howie, and that's the strength of Cox's performance.

Despite the marvelous acting, the movie is not without its flaws. Some flashback scenes, bleached out to make them obviously dif-

ferent, seem intended to elevate this into something ambiguously arty. But the ambiguity of the story is already there; it doesn't need to be jazzed up with raw, out-of-focus camerawork.

While Cuesta and his co-writers, Stephen M. Ryder and Gerald Cuesta, do include some genuine laughs in the script, they also occasionally stretch too broadly and throw off the delicate balance of the movie. A metaphor about the expressway feels too much like a device. A running joke about a contemporary of Howie's who allegedly has sex with his own sister feels out of place. And a scene in which Big John goes searching for the boys who robbed him, taking lascivious sniffs at a piece of cloth he ripped off one of them as they fled, is simply embarrassing. Maybe it's a "Blue Velvet" tribute, but even an actor as good as Cox can't make this look believable.



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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts: Kaleidoscope Classes offers new arts enrichment classes for young people ages 4-5. The session begins Sept. 25 and continues through Nov. 29 at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Call 845-8542 for more information.

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call Pediatric at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 849-9682.

The City of El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Tele-

graph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-769-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to lrsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bi-monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

KALX Radio holds a record swap 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, in the Pauley Ballroom of the ASUC Building at UC Berkeley. Those who attend will be able to buy and/or trade records, music memorabilia and other hard-to-find collectibles. Admission is \$2. On-campus parking is \$6. Vendors interested in obtaining a table at the event should contact the KALX office at 642-1111

The sixth annual "How Berkeley Can You Be?" parade and festival kicks off from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. The grand parade leaves from California Street and University Avenue at 11 a.m. Eighty-five groups will participate including electric couch and Go Carts. For more information, call 849-4888 or visit the Web site at www.howberkeleycanyoube.com

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 301 West Richmond Ave. Point Richmond holds its annual steak barbecue from

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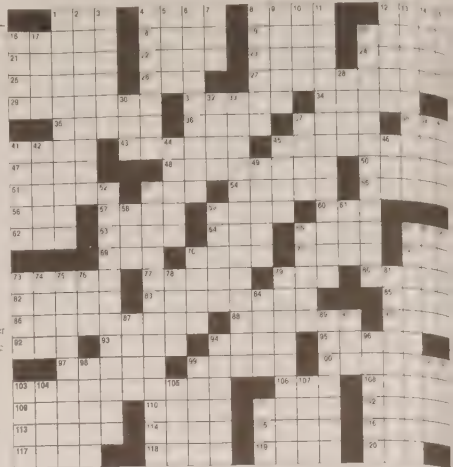
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By Bill Zais / Edited by Will Shortz

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23 Foe of the Iroquois
24 One support for advice
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34 Cause of a blown engine, maybe
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95 Actor John
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109 "Plain Language From Truthful James" writer
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113 Basket material
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118 Word following clue 114-Across
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9 Exclamation akin to "Whew!"
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15 Founder of Little America
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70 Religious title: Abbr.
73 Slaying power
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79 Silent treatment?
81 Rat-a-tat
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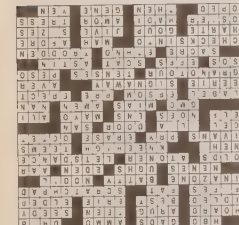
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Office of Emergency Services: presents a new series of free Emergency Response classes. The classes include: practical information, in-depth, hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and first aid. All classes are held at the department's Emergency Response Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older who lives or works in Berkeley. For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Services, at 863-6708.

Art Museum, Pacific Film: offers a guided tour of Equal Housing Lenses and Women Principals in Architecture. The tour is presented by graduate students from the Berkeley Department of Architecture and the College of Environmental Design. Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Anonymous meet Fridays: at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin. In Room 2—the childcare center—parents may bring their children. The organization is for individuals who are compulsive. For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Stand up: Stand up and make your voice heard. Come practice your stand up comedy. Stand up comedy night, 10 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. 863-6708 for additional information.

Activists needed: Write the chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 94701, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

Buddies: volunteers needed to help volunteer work with people with Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, at 863-6708.

Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Monday clinic at the Academy for Studies in Berkeley, aura clearing, stress relief, 1-800-642-9355.

Project: the Alcohol Research Center in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 or 510-845-8542, ext. 302, you can be chosen for the study or be treated at existing treatment programs.

Schoolyard: an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks teachers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

Action: lets you make friends and the world. Volunteer as a liaison partner with a foreign UC student for one hour a week. Call at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Daytime Drop-in Center: in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day through Saturday. Volunteers needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 863-6708.

Photography: presents "Women and Other Works," through Oct. 6 at the Berkeley Bowl Cafe, 2020 Oregon St. Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 843-6929.

Gallery: 3023 Shattuck Ave., features the photography of Kathryn Lovell and the work of Oakland artists Arthur Wright and Gerald Lee. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 to 7 p.m. Appointment. The gallery is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 548-9286, ext. 307.

Institute, 1060 Heinz Ave., presents "Inside Editions," through Oct. 6. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. Artists include Jessica Dunne, Lee, Robin McCloskey, Nora Lee, Una San Martin, Seiko Kikuchi, Karen Tossavainen, Turaj Mazloum Watanabe. For more information, call 549-2977 or visit the site at kala@kala.org.

Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents a group exhibition of Area artists, through Oct. 6. The exhibit features the works of Jennifer, Julianne Beckendorf, Lee, and Luci Lytle. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 to 6 p.m., Friday, 11 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 to 6 p.m. Call 843-2527 for information.

Berkeley YWCA, 2600 Bancroft continues the exhibition of Seattle artist, Mary Black through Oct. 28. The exhibit is available for viewing Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Black uses the ancient method of encaustic painting in layers of wax and pigment are dried and fused. For more information call 707-823-5261.

Richmond Museum of History continues its series of "History on the Move" events highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special events and are held throughout the museum. The museum is located in historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Downtown area at the corner of Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-6600 for more information or to make a reservation.

City of E. Centro presents Open Studio ongoing classes on Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. Experience with clay is not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to work in areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on request. Admission: \$7.50

residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Pacific Film Archive, 1575 Bancroft Way at Bowditch St., presents Donald Richie, eminent writer, cultural critic, and longtime resident of Japan at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22. Richie reads from and signs copies of his new book of essays, stories, and portraits, "The Donald Richie Reader. 50 Years of Writing on Japan." Following the reading, Richie will introduce a classic film directed by Kon Ichikawa's "An Actor's Revenge." For more information, call 642-1412.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents a rousing reading of the "Hippos Go Berserk!" by Sandra Boynton at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22. Dance in the aisles as Boynton creates a hippo party in the bookstore. Cookies and juice will be served. The event is free. For more information, call 644-0861.

Word of Mouth Poetry hosts an evening with Tim Murnane, author of "The Blue-Masked Forest" and "Marcia Renee Goodman," contributor to "The Cancer Poetry Project: Poems by Cancer Patients" and "Those Who Love Them." The event takes place 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers 2352 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. For more information, call 644-0861.

World famous farmer and anti-corporate globalization activist Jose Bove discusses his new book, "The World is Not For Sale," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Berkeley Adult School, 1222 University Ave. A book signing will follow. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Bay Area independent bookstores or call 415-255-7293 ex. 200.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to Bridget Frederick at bridget@juliomorgan.org or by calling 845-8542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliomorgan.org for more details.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lardie at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

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workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays: fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

The Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., presents the first of its "Sundays at Four Concert" music series at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. Jazz violinist Jeremy Cohen and friends perform. Cohen will be joined on this special concert by both classical and jazz musicians. Admission is \$10, free for those under 18. For more information, call 559-6910 or visit the Web site at www.thecrowdenschool.org.

Jazzschool/LaNote, 2375 Shattuck Ave., presents the Dick Hindman Trio at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. Hindman plays original compositions, standards and Brazilian jazz in his characteristic swinging and melodic style, aided by bassist Seward McCain and drummer Scott Morris. Admission: \$12 and \$6. For reservations call 845-5373.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, 2322 Shattuck Ave., will hold a concert on Monday Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. The program includes contemporary composers and traditional symphonic literature while showcasing local artists. This season, the symphony spotlights composer Franz Schubert, by including one of his works in each program. Tickets: \$21, \$32, \$45. Call 841-2800 for tickets or more information.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

Duckies Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lamford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson 14, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.: no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

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Support

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. East Bay Chapter holds its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte at Seismic Avenue. The video "Exploring Schizophrenia" by Christopher Amenson, Ph.D. will be shown. A question and answer discussion will follow the video presentation. The public is invited to take advantage of the free program. For more information, call 941-8361.

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke emotional reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Aameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center and Employment Law Center presents a free legal workshop entitled "You Have the Right to Keep Your Job Even If you have Cancer!" The workshop is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24 at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. Find out about the Family Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disability Act, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and how the laws protect you from termination during an experience with cancer or other serious medical conditions. For more information, call Catherine Porter, WCRRC Legal Services Coordinator, 601-4040 ext. 302.

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 581-9560, for directions and more information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center at Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.dall.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590. **The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Artistic Support and Education group presents Dorothy Dorez, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

Plants and Your Garden: A class to learn more about the plants in your garden or ways to use them effectively. This class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. for six weeks beginning Sept. 25 at Albany Middle School, 1259 Brighton in Albany. Fee is \$36. Send enrollment to Albany Adult School, 601 San Gabriel Ave., Albany 94706. Call 559-6580 for more information.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite N 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0640 or visit the web site at www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Book-sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragati Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Theater, Dance & Film

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130. **Folk dancing** takes place on the

third Sundays 1:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schütz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Classes

Albany Adults School offers classes in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Call the Adult School at 559-6580 for more information.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., presents "A Taste of the World, Cultural Understanding Through Food," 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Nov. 1. Experience the cuisine's of Spain, Portugal, Italy, Morocco and Israel with Chef Daniel Herskovic. Each week, Chef Daniel prepares classic regional dishes while enhancing your cooking skills and understanding of indigenous

foods. Ingredients. All classes are hands-on and feature authentic "live" Cost: \$25 per class includes materials and cooking lesson. To register, call Daniel Herskovic at 655-9487.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Parties and cheer lessons for people of all ages. Emphasis is on folk music and fun. Cost: \$40 for 6-week session. (no related fees apply). \$8 for drop-in session. For more information, call Mei Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Millbrae St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fund-raise to distribute these treasure to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to maintain

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Tibetan Aid Project seeks volunteers to help preserve the ancient wisdom of Tibet. Assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books. Prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Or help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. For information and more information, call 800-338-4238.

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls

on a daily basis to senior citizens, and others who are homebound. Volunteer projects would include: help with shopping, housework, etc. For more information, call 581-9560. Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. **The Alcohol Research Center** is conducting a study on the effects of alcohol on the brain. The goal of the study is to understand and effectively treat the substance abuse by using local model day treatment. The model day treatment. The SMART Project. For more information, call 1-888-249-5600 or visit www.alcoholresearchcenter.org.

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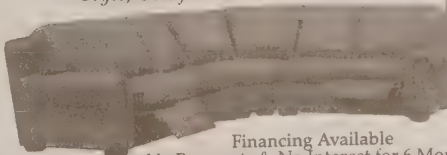
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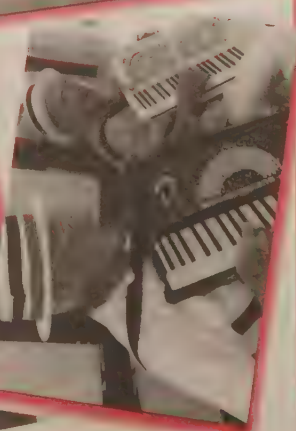
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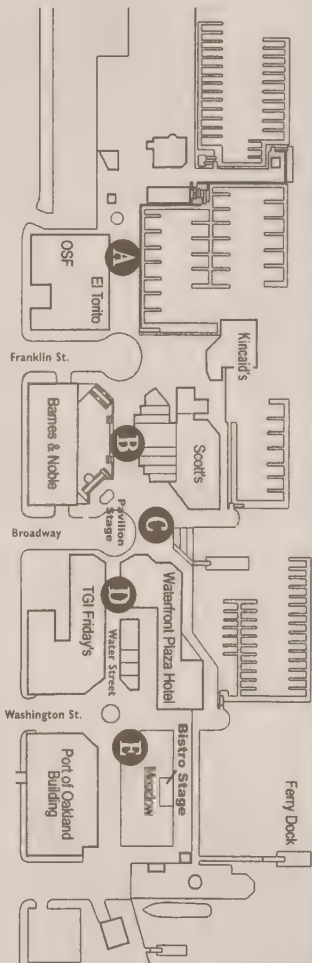
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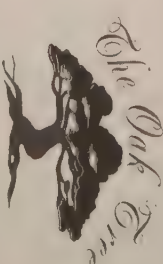
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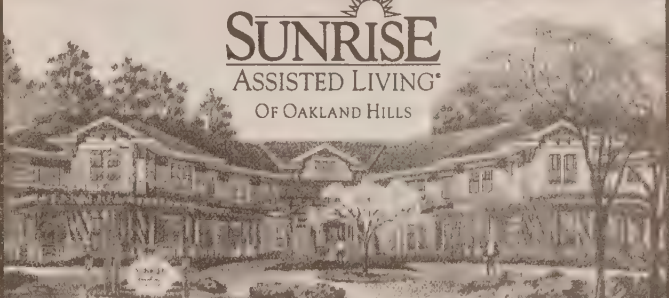
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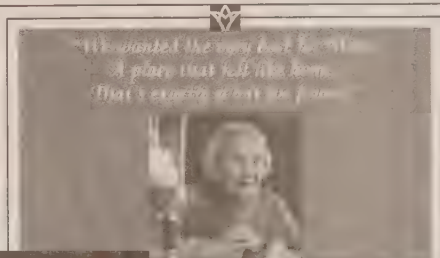
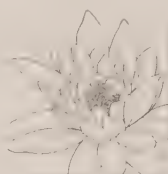
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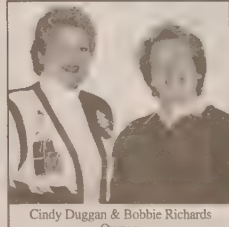
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A Healthy Senior Diet Doesn't Need To Be Bland

By Daniel Aspell

Those old jokes about bland diet once recommended for seniors can pretty much be forgotten. Sure, taking large amounts of fat and sodium lessen the flavor, but there is a lot more on the menu than oatmeal and ryegrass. While our diets need to be modified as we age to optimum health, there are many ways to make meals satisfying and safe.

As we age, our taste buds become less sensitive, making many older diners a salt shaker or open bottles and jars of salt next to their plates. Since the majority of processed foods and many beverages contain sodium, the average person consumes too much on a daily basis already.

High levels of sodium are known to cause high blood pressure. It can also cause retention and imbalance in hydration. To cut back on the amount of salt ingested, check food labels. Choose no-sodium brands when buying processed foods, and buy fresh produce and meats when possible. Beware of "hidden sodium" in sweet things like diet soft drinks.

To make up for loss of seasoning when you cut back on salt, there are a number of substitutes. Garlic is a great alternative, and will actually lower your blood pressure. Use whole fresh garlic for the flavor, or garlic powder for more delicate seasoning. It will boost the flavor of most dishes, but don't just stick to the tried-and-true mixture of black and white. Green and peppercorns have different, somewhat subtler flavors than their counterparts, and are worth experimenting with.

Fresh lemon and vinegar also add the tang that's so important when salt is absent. These are products that are good for the body. Curry, powdered mustard, horseradish and will add such a variety of flavor that the salt shaker may end up in the cabinet.

By now, most seniors, especially women, know the importance of calcium in their diet. Of all the minerals in the body, calcium rates the highest percentage and the body needs it in many ways. For seniors, it's necessary to combat osteoporosis and periodontal disease.

The FDA recommends 1,500 milligrams a day of calcium for senior women. Most probably aren't consuming that much. Calcium supplements are available, but it's a lot more expensive, so make sure one's diet to get the necessary daily value.

Naturally, dairy products are the leading source of calcium. But as eight ounces of milk supply 300 milligrams, it's a lot to drink in one day, and impossible for those who are lactose intolerant. Cheese, cream and buttermilk provide calcium, but plenty of unhealthy fat as well.

The good news is that low-fat dairy products are available with calcium. For example, a meal of salmon patties with a side dish of stir-fried broccoli will provide about your needed daily calcium. Follow that with a cup of yogurt for dessert and you've about reached the daily goal.

Most likely, green vegetables like mustard and turnips carry a good calcium load. Does seafood like salmon, oysters, sardines and the aforementioned salmon.

Seniors also need to pay attention to the value of magnesium and iron. Rather than supplements, a diet of the USDA food pyramid will provide plenty of minerals. Dark leafy greens will provide plenty of iron and nuts will add extra magnesium. Bypass traditional iceberg lettuce and toss some fresh spinach in a light dressing and you'll have a better nutrition.

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2002 Ford Explorer designed for everyday use in mind

More like a car, yet every bit a truck for the off-road, the 2002 Ford Explorer seats seven, has more ground clearance and steers like a sedan.

The one single design decision that begat countless results was the move to give the Explorer an inde-

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pendent rear suspension. That resulted in a smoother ride on the 2002 model. Customers told Ford engineers they wanted a sport utility vehicle that is easier to drive and has better ride and handling qualities. The independent rear suspension replaces the previous solid axle design, providing the Explorer with wheels that react independently of each other in response to bumps in the road.

The addition of the new suspension has also resulted in — for the first time — an optional third row seat. The Explorer now has a lower step-in height, a larger passenger compartment, a wider stance, as well as one inch more ground clearance. As always, the Explorer retains its solid-truck looks with bold, square shoulders and uncluttered body panels.

My test-drive model was the 4x4 XLT with a base price of \$29,745. The tester featured the optional \$670 third row seating, making the Explorer a comfortable seven-passenger SUV. If absolutely necessary, this third row accommodates two adults. However, the makeshift bench seat, which does double-duty as a fold-down cargo area, is primarily suitable for smaller occupants. A raised platform allows for children to ride with their feet touching the floor. A lever on the side of the seatbacks brings the second



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MORE LIKE A CAR, YET EVERY BIT A TRUCK for the off-road, the 2002 Ford Explorer seats seven and steers like a sedan.

row seats forward for climbing into the back. Red latches at the base of the forward seats release when pulled so that the second row tumbles forward for easy exiting.

One of the thoughtful revisions is the elimination of the awkward flip-up paddle handle on the exterior doors. Ford replaced this design with real door "handles" that the driver or passenger can grip with the hand top-down or bottom-up. The new door handles even include finger indents on the inside. When opening the door, grab handles

are more visible and conveniently built onto the B-pillars (instead of overhead) for people who need a grip entering and exiting.

Twenty-five more horsepower is under the hood of the Explorer. The 4.6-liter V8 generates 240 horsepower, up from the 215-hp from the older 5.0-liter V8 engine. This powerplant is built to travel 100,000 miles before the first tune-up.

My test-drive model was equipped with this very responsive engine mated to a smooth-shifting automatic transmission, and in-

cluded the optional \$395 Class III/V trailing package for a towing capacity of 7,300 pounds. The base engine on the Ford is the 4.0-liter V6 mated to a manual transmission.

Available for the first time on a Ford sport utility vehicle is AdvanceTrac, a stability control system usually found only on luxury cars. The Explorer also has an improved Control Blade system, an electronic traction and stability control system for off-road use. One of the nice features on the 2002 Explorer is the power rack-and-pinion

steering. It makes negotiating the 4,339-pound SUV around U-turns and into parking spaces as easy as when driving a sedan.

Offered for the first time on an SUV are side-curtain airbags and a rollover sensor. Called the Safety Canopy, these sensors determine whether to deploy the side-curtain airbags in the event of a side impact or a rollover.

With the 2002 model, the Explorer is now more capable of handling the everyday activities of SUV drivers.

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Out-of-warranty rebuilt engine can be costly

Dear Doctor: In April 2000, my parents gave me a 1992 Ford Taurus with a 3.8-liter V6 engine with only 43,000 miles. My parents had purchased the car new. The engine blew in July with only 46,400 miles

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on the odometer. The cost of a rebuilt engine was \$2,450. I contacted Ford and was told there was nothing that could be done. I realize the car is out of warranty, but since Ford has had many problems with the 3.8-liter engine, do I have any recourse? **Chris**

Dear Chris: It's no secret that the 3.8-liter has a defect in the cylinder head design, and 50 percent of the 3.8-liter cars, both front- and rear-drive, required either an engine overhaul or replacement. I would think that with all the trouble Ford has had, the company would make a financial adjustment. A small amount of money and voucher toward the purchase of another Ford would be meaningful for both parties. As for any recourse, get on the Internet and look for groups that may be involved in a class action suit.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis. At 70,000 miles the "check engine" light came on. A trip to the dealer revealed code 332, which is related to the EGR circuit. A new PFE sensor and throttle body, as well as cleaning of the EGR passageways, cost \$315. At 115,000 miles I experienced the same problem. The dealer said there are no bulletins, and Ford does not have a fix or special warranty. Do you have any suggestions? **Carl**

Dear Carl: The 4.6-liter V8 does have some carbon and oil burning concerns after 70,000 miles. There is not much you can do without spending big bucks to pull the heads off the engine. Here are a few suggestions: Have a "top engine" cleaning done yearly to help break up the carbon deposits, and improve acceleration. Also, use premium gasoline.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Nissan Maxima. The outside mirror glass has been stolen twice. Is there anything I can do to prevent this? The replacement mirror glass is al-

most \$100. **David**

Dear David: Unfortunately, there is not much you can do. If you glue the glass in place, it may not move electrically, and the culprits might break the mirror glass trying to pull it out.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1997 Ford Ranger 4.0-liter V6 4x4 with 30,000 miles. The AC blows cold for half an hour; then the air barely comes out. If I shut the AC off for about 45 minutes and turn it back on, it will blow cold and hard for another half hour. **Don**

Dear Don: It sounds like the AC compressor is not cycling, thereby causing the evaporator to freeze up and block the air blowing through it.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer with 75,000 miles. At 35,000 it developed what sounds like an exhaust leak when the engine is cold and quiets down as the engine warms up. The sound seems to be coming from the back of the engine. I have taken the vehicle to the dealer several times. On the last visit, the representative informed me that this sound is inherent on some of these engines. Can you advise me what is wrong? **Rich**

Dear Rich: It sounds like an exhaust leak between the manifold and cylinder head. I would leave the car at another shop overnight so a technician can actually check it out on a cold start and advise you on the problem and cost of repair.

Dear Doctor: I own 1994 Buick Regal V6. I want to replace the spark plugs and wonder what your thoughts are about replacing them with platinum plugs. I have had many different opinions on this subject. **Bob**

Dear Bob: I would replace the spark plugs with whatever the factory used. Platinum plugs work fine in engines that have precise fuel management and excellent ignition systems. Platinum plugs will foul easier and not self-clean. I would use the factory AC spark plug. Make sure you check the ignition wires when replacing the plugs.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1992 Toyota Camry with 98,000 miles. Recently we had the car to several mechanics because the engine overheats. The engine is also losing antifreeze on long rides. We had

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DESPITE BEING MUSCLE MODEL, the 1963½ Ford Sprint retained its cuteness, appealing to male and female, young and old.

The muscular 1963 Ford Falcon retained cuteness

In March 1963, Les Jackson was in college, when he read the March issue of Life magazine in which a full-page ad introduced the 1963 ½ fastback Ford Sprint. He knew immediately he had to have that car.

He saved a couple of years before he could go shopping for a 2-year-old Falcon Sprint. He located a white convertible with a red interior that had originally come from the

Thirty years later, a friend suggested to Jackson that he restore an old Falcon Sprint. Jackson, wondering why he hadn't thought of the idea first, grabbed it and ran. He knew the subject of his restoration project would have to be a 1963 ½ model Ford Falcon Sprint. He would prefer a hardtop model, unless he could actually find his original convertible, but what would the odds be against that happening?

Digging through 30-year-old papers in the attic, Jackson found the original registration for his Sprint. The form included the vehicle identification number. On the Internet, he located the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles on the off-chance that his old car was still in the state. Not only was the car still in Texas, it was still in the small town of Beeville and the DMV show edit to be an active registration with the owner's name attached. Jackson telephoned the owner, identified himself, and said he was looking for his old Falcon Sprint convertible.

He asked, "Do you still own the car?"

"Well, yes and no," the man on the telephone responded. He explained that he had bought the car but by 1986, when it had about 200,000 miles on it, the car's body was being devoured by rust. He purchased a 1963 ½ Falcon Sprint

hardtop with no engine and moved the drive train from the convertible into the hardtop, along with any other parts that were better than those on the hardtop. He had not, however, notified the DMV of his activities. In the early 1990s he sold the hardtop Falcon to another Beeville resident, James Wilson.

Jackson telephoned Wilson to inquire about the health of the Falcon and was surprised to learn it was for sale. Pictures were sent and several more telephone calls ensued before Jackson decided to take the plunge and buy the car, sight unseen.

Jackson examined the red car with the black interior and was happily reassured of Wilson's honesty — the car was as he described. It was all there with the exception of the dash-top tachometer and the four-speed gear shifter. Within 48 hours the Falcon Sprint had been dismantled down to the last fastener. Besides the rusted floor pan beneath the driver's feet and a triangular patch of rust at each of the two top corners of the rear window — compliments of a bad rain-gutter design — the car proved to be solid.

"In reconstructing the car," Jackson said, "I did all the things I wanted to do to my first Falcon Sprint." With the car in a million pieces, Jackson discovered that

everything was worn out. "I have had a quarter-million miles on the drive train," he explained. "The engine from his original car is now powering the hardtop. 260-cubic-inch V-8 with a carburetor generating about 250 to 300 horsepower. The ante by boring the V-8 299 cubic inches with a four-carburetor generating an estimated 250 to 300 horsepower is enough to make the top end 100-mph speedometer accurate."

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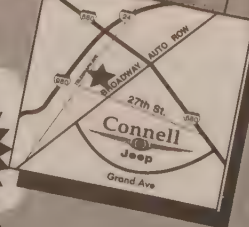
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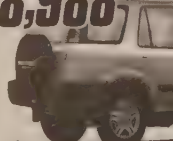
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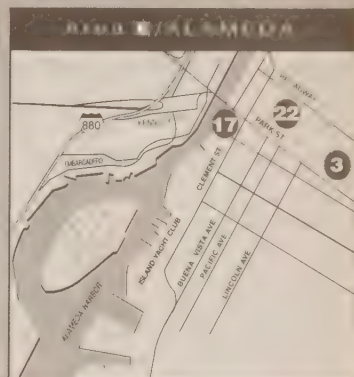
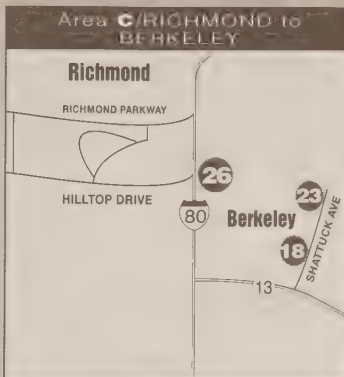
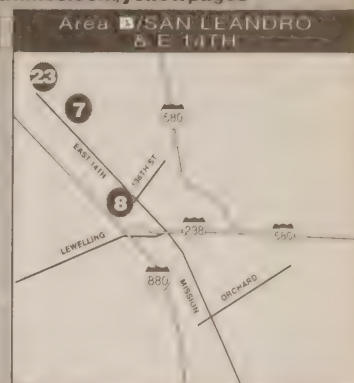
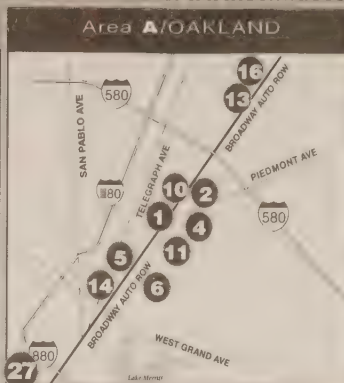
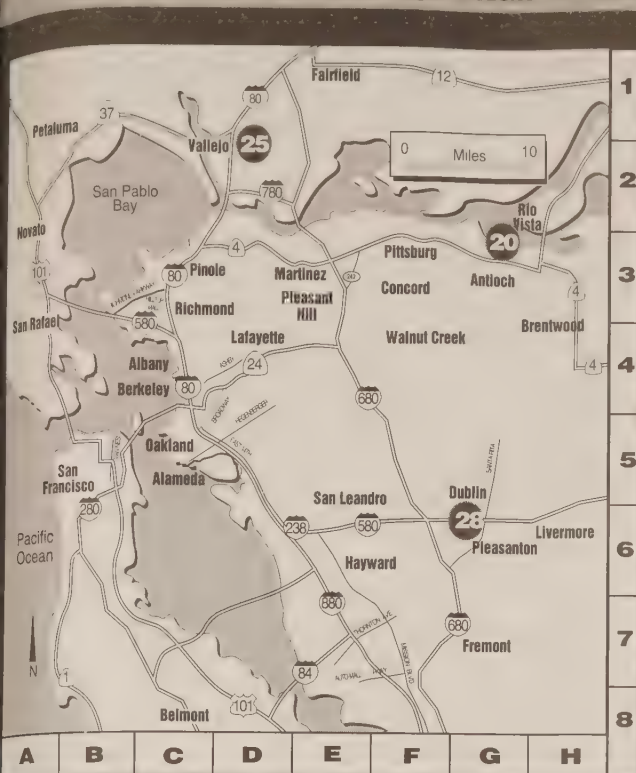


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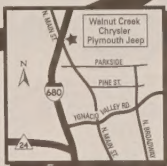
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Toyota Dealer in Northern Cal!

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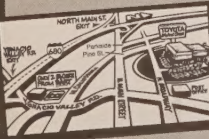
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GET REBATES UP TO... \$1500! **

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OVER 85 NEW 2001 TOYOTAS ON CLEARANCE! HURRY IN WHILE THEY LAST!



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'01 4WD V6 SR5 4Runners
Special APR's Available!
Dealer Price \$27,999
Factory Rebate -1,500
Net To You... **\$26,499**
All 4 in stock with MSRP of \$31,715 at this price.

'02 Corolla CE's
Dealer Price \$13,297
Factory Rebate -500
Net To You... **\$12,797**
Sample ID's: 591857, 578247, 592263, 575110, 598121, 592681, 598523.
All CE's model 170 in stock at this price.

'02 Camry LE's
WE SELL ALL 2002 CAMRY'S WITH *** NO ADDITIONAL MARK-UP STICKERS! ***
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\$21,999

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All 8 Remaining in stock at this discount.
\$3,300 BELOW MSRP!
8 TO CHOOSE!



**No added dealer mark-up stickers means we don't add to MSRP. Dealer-added equipment and options will increase price.

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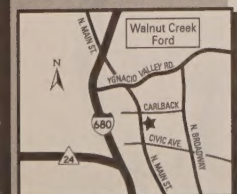
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1. Over 900 Vehicles Available
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2001 EXPLORER SPORT 4X2
\$18,988 All 4 In stock w/MSRP of \$22,730 at this price.
35 Sports In Stock!
MSRP \$22,730
Dealer Discount -2,242
Factory Rebate -1,500
Net Cost To You... **\$18,988**
4 Sports In stock at this price!

2001 MUSTANG COUPE
\$15,488 All 3 In stock w/MSRP of \$18,410 at this price.
36 Mustangs In Stock!
MSRP \$18,410
Dealer Discount -922
Factory Rebate -2,000
Net Cost To You... **\$15,488**
3 Coupe's at this price!

2001 F150 SUPERCREW 4x2 Lariat
\$27,135 All 7 In stock w/MSRP of \$31,735 at this price.
45 Supercrews In Stock!
MSRP \$31,735
Dealer Discount -3,100
Factory Rebate -1,500
Net Cost To You... **\$27,135**
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 - 93 Jeep Wrangler 877-200-8311
 - 96 Toyota Camry 877-200-8311
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 - 93 Toyota Tercel 925-933-7440
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 - 99 Ford Taurus Wagon 925-933-7440
 - 00 Nissan Altima 925-933-7440
 - 96 Jeep Grand Cherokee 925-933-7440
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 - 00 Pontiac Sunfire 925-933-7440
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 - 99 Honda Civic 877-200-8311
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